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**Healthcare
projects get
financial
boost from
governments**

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As everyone pins their hopes on a spring start to the construction of local healthcare facilities, the federal and provincial governments are making that optimism seem a little bit more like a healthy dose of realism.

On Wednesday, MP John O'Reilly and MPP Chris Hodgson announced that the local projects are approved for funding under the joint infrastructure program.

The federal and provincial governments will each pay one-third of the costs for a new 30-bed long-term care unit at Haliburton Hospital and an emergency wing and expanded accommodations at the Hyland Crest site, up to a certain dollar limit, of course.

When the application was made, the projects' projected costs were \$13.7-million, and that's the figure approval was based on. This means the federal and provincial governments will each chip in \$4.6-million, making for a total of \$9.2-million in government funding. Local fundraising will have to pay for the rest, with the county agreeing to play an active role in insuring the money is available.

This is much better than the \$6.4-million funding limit previously agreed to by the provincial government when the projects were first approved in 1994.

Of course, given that the province now has to pay \$2-million less than it had to as the sole government funding source, this is welcome news for Queen's Park as well as Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

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LET'S DANCE: To the delight of hundreds of people in the audience, the Haliburton Figure Skating Club presented its annual skating carnival at the Dysart arena on Sunday afternoon. Here,

Anna Schleifenbaum, Leanna Pearsell, Minna Schleifenbaum and Tamara Bain do the Mexican Hat Dance. More photos on page 21.

GETTING THE GOODS ON DOWNLOADING

MPP says Highlands spared from the worst

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It could have been worse.

That was the main message MPP Chris Hodgson gave to local politicians who are worried about the economic impact of provincial downloading.

"Haliburton County was headed towards being grants negative," Hodgson told county council, plus 35 municipal representatives in the audience at Wednesday's county council meeting. In other words, if the province had cut its own deficit by cutting transfer payments to municipalities, in the same way the federal government solved its deficit problems by cutting payments to provinces, local municipalities would have been scrambling to cope with a loss of all provincial funding.

As it is now, Hodgson says the province made provisions to ensure that a projected \$1.8-million loss of grants didn't materialize. Instead, local governments need to cut only \$163,000 from their budgets in order to

have funding stay at present levels. "That's a huge benefit."

It was very important for Hodgson to get the support of local politicians because the Tory government's Achilles heel when it comes to voter popularity is property taxes, which threaten to rise dramatically as a result of downloading.

"Politically we have put a lot of faith in municipal councils,"

Hodgson said. "We're putting our political future in your hands to keep costs down for taxpayers... Our intent is to have less government and less onerous taxes and there's no point in lowering income taxes if property taxes go up."

To a large part, Hodgson succeeded in getting local politicians on side; at the very least, there was no expressed hostility

towards him or his government and the meeting ended on a cordial note. He used humour to break the ice and appeared serious in his intent to help local governments solve many of the problems downloading and the province-wide shift to Actual Value Assessment will create.

Speaking without notes or pauses for about half an hour,

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Education funding squabbles begin early

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Queen's Park has had complete control of education's purse strings for less than a month and already it and the area's new school board are questioning each other's math.

Depending on whose figures you look at, the district school board for Haliburton County, Muskoka and Victoria County is either in for a relatively small but welcome increase in fund-

ing for the remainder of the school year or a relatively small but still significant decrease.

The province says it's giving the amalgamated board \$1.5-million more than it was told it would receive from January 1 to August 31 — the so-called "stub year" prior to when the government's new funding model is to take effect.

But the school board maintains the \$85.8-million in funding it's getting for the eight months is actually a decrease of

about \$582,000. And the board's take on the funding situation doesn't sit well with riding MPP and management board chair Chris Hodgson.

"They're wrong," he told the *Echo* Friday morning. "I don't know why they're playing games with this ... They got an increase."

But Al Ingram, the board's superintendent of finance, defends the board's accounting.

He said the discrepancy can
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Last week we ran a poem called "With Love from a Lonely Dog" and credited authorship to Judy Phipps of Haliburton, who had submitted the poem to us. Much as she would have liked to have written the poem she says credit goes to a man in Oshawa whom she believes wrote it 10 to 15 years ago.

We received a nice note from Hannah (Sisson) Moffat of Paisley when she renewed her subscription. She especially liked our article last fall about the transformation of the former Stanhope municipal office into a museum on North Shore Road. "My brother was born in that building when our home burnt," she writes. "I am sure that my Dad (Harry Sisson) and his brothers would be pleased that it has finally found a

place of its own. I'm sure it will be filled with many pieces of local history."

The YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton is expanding its services and activities and it's starting with an open house at its Women's Resource Centre in Haliburton on Friday, January 30 from noon until 5. The community is invited to attend and give the YWCA suggestions

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

and support. Refreshments will be provided. The Women's Resource Centre is in the lower level of the Halco Plaza, just a few doors down from CHACE Place. For more information call 457-1942.

The Red Cross is continuing its drive to collect much need units of blood for central Ontario hospital patients. Residents age 17 to 60 (age 71 for regular donors) may assist with this effort by attending the clinic at Victoria Park Armory in Lindsay on Thursday, Jan. 29 from noon to 7:30 p.m. Photo/signature identification is required. For information on this or other clinics, call 1-800-701-7803.

For a light-hearted celebration of Valentine's Day and the approach of spring, the Peterborough Singers present their annual Valentine Concert directed by Sydney Birrell. This year's performance at Showplace at 7:30 p.m. also presents soprano Measha Gosman. Tickets are \$18 and \$9 for students. Phone 705-745-2240 for more information. Meanwhile, don't

forget the Peterborough Singers' fundraising CD, which is available at Masters Books in Haliburton, raises money for the Hospital for Sick Children, St. Joseph's Health Centre and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Sydney Birrell's wife and son are recovering from cancer treatments and his parents are Primrose and Bruce Birrell of Soyers Lake.

Haliburton County, with its fields of rocks, isn't exactly known for its fertile farming, but we thought this press release might catch a few people's attention. Ontario elk breeders are hosting their first ever sale of breeding stock on January 31 at Universal Game Farm in Coldwater. Elk are prized not only for their meat, but also for the medicinal uses of their "velvet cuts" (antlers.) Viewing and registration is from 9 a.m. to noon and the auction sale starts at 1 p.m.. For more information call Todd Grignon or Susan Barlow at 705-686-3933 or 705-835-6485.

Anyone interested in recreational vehicles can attend several shows in the coming weeks: Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 at Hamilton's Copps Coliseum; Feb. 6 to 8 at the Ottawa Civic Centre; Feb. 13 to 15 at the new National Trade Centre at the CNE grounds in Toronto; Feb. 25 to March 1 at the International Centre, Airport Road in Toronto; Mar. 5 to 8 at Bingeman's Park in Kitchener-Waterloo; Mar. 20 to 22 at the Western Fairgrounds in London; and April 23 to 26 at the new Evinrude Centre in Peterborough. For more information call 416-533-7800.

Families who support someone with a mental illness are invited to a free day of information and support on Thursday, Feb. 12 at the Ministry of Natural Resources building, the corner of Water and Charlotte Streets in Peterborough. Registration starts at nine and the presenters are Dr. Gella Bar-David of the Caregiver Support Project speaking on the caregiver's journey, Martha MacFie speaking on the new mental health regulations, and Dr. Joyce Barrett speaking on working with your doctor and other professions. There will be a roundtable discussion, networking and a question and answer period before the meeting wraps up at 3:30. Lunch will be provided. This is a free day, sponsored by the Family Caregiver Network and the Peterborough and Victoria branches of the Canadian Mental Health Association but you must pre-register by phoning toll-free 1-888-454-8875.

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New education board is still waiting for funding figures

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Officials with the area's new school board are trying to make important education plans in the dark, as they wait for the province to shed light on how much funding it will provide them.

Education Minister Dave Johnson recently announced the amount each of the province's new district boards will receive for the remainder of the current school year.

But he has yet to deliver the news all boards have been anxiously awaiting — the funding formula Queen's Park will use to determine how much money per student boards will receive to run their school systems.

Cheryl Murdoch, chair of the area's board (School Board District 15), called the government's lengthy delay in providing the information "criminal."

"It hasn't happened yet and now we're hearing we

may not have the funding formula until April," she said Thursday. "We have to make major decisions such as whether to have Junior Kindergarten throughout the board or whether not to have it, and that's very hard to do when you don't know how much money you'll have."

However, Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson, chair of the province's management board, said release of the funding formula has been delayed while the government tries to negotiate an early-retirement package for teachers with their unions.

"We would like to have had it out a long time ago, but we've just got the unions to the table," he said Friday.

Hodgson said the province has had a year-long standing offer to the teachers' federations to discuss an early-retirement incentive package, but that the unions agreed to negotiations only a week ago.

Presently, teachers can retire with full pension benefits when their age and years of service add up to 90. One of the proposals discussed in the past would reduce that figure to 85, allowing teachers to retire five years earlier.

A retirement package enabling school boards to replace some of their highest paid teachers with new teachers at the lower end of the pay scale would have a big impact on the funding they require.

"It's a pretty integral part of the funding formula," Hodgson said. "... That's one of the factors holding it up."

The provincial government took control of education funding at the beginning of the month. It wants to provide the same base per-pupil grant to all boards so that students have equal access to education, regardless of where they live in Ontario.

In the past, school boards received provincial grants and added to them to meet their needs by levying property taxes.

The district's amalgamated school board is trying to assemble its first budget and determine how to merge educational programs, but it says it lacks the financial information to do so properly.

"It really, really puts us in a bad position," said Murdoch. "... I guess you just plan a tentative budget and you hope and you pray that that's how it's going to work out."

The three superintendents of business administration from the merged boards are putting together expenditure budgets and hope to have them completed by the end of February or early March.

They've also been directed by trustees to determine the cost of running Junior Kindergarten at elementary schools across the new system, said Murdoch.

Currently, JK is offered only at schools in Muskoka. Haliburton's board — which fought against the NDP-mandated program — cancelled JK last year when the province cut its funding. Victoria County's board also reluctantly ended its JK classes.

But while the board is looking at the expense of bringing back the program, there are no guarantees that it will return.

"It's very nice to (find out the costs), but that doesn't really mean much because we don't know if we'll have the money to offer it," said Murdoch.

Business administrators from the three-county system suspect the province's new funding formula will decrease the amount of money the board receives.

"We're sort of suspecting that," said Jim Bradley, superintendent of business administration for the former Haliburton board. "... I think there will be some cuts. How severe they'll be, I don't know."

"We have to make major decisions such as whether to have Junior Kindergarten and that's very hard to do when you don't know how much money you'll have," says chairperson Cheryl Murdoch



Ode to a Highlands tradition

The Haliburton Legion was the place to be on Saturday night for the annual celebration of Robbie Burns' birthday. Above, the crowd comes together for the Gay Gordon; at left, Melissa Rowell and Earl Cooper of the Pipes and Drums perform; below left, Bill Elliott directs dance traffic, while a couple gets quickly into the proper spirit. Below, Megan Varty was one of the young Scottish dancers who kept everyone entertained

PHOTOS BY
MARTHA PERKINS



Funding announcement seen as "a sign of confidence" for local healthcare projects

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was absolutely essential for this project. Without it I don't know how it was going to go," HHHS chairman Hugh Nichol said at Thursday night's HHHS meeting.

"We should take this as a sign of confidence," he said the previous day when the announcement was made at Wednesday's county council meeting. He thanked O'Reilly and Hodgson for their support and efforts on behalf of the application and said without their personal help, the announcement would not have been possible.

"This really is an important occasion," Hodgson said Wednesday, extending greetings from Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer. "It brings us one step closer to improved healthcare and is the result of years of hard work by countless individuals ... There are still a few more steps, but it's an important day."

Not only will the new facilities provide much needed healthcare services, but construction will also create both short-term and long-term jobs and help the local economy, he said.

O'Reilly said the word in

Ottawa was that somehow, Victoria-Haliburton managed to get more infrastructure projects approved than any other riding. He said the secret to this is his and Hodgson's past lives as real estate agents. "We put the deals together and then figure out the financing later."

Since some of his relatives are in the Highlands, he smiled and said he's personally relieved they will no longer "be on my case."

Responding to O'Reilly's comments about figuring out the financing later, Nichol said wryly that "as a chartered accountant by training, it is good to have the financing in place."

But just as there's more funding available for the projects, it's now expected they will cost more than the estimate of \$13.7-million, let alone the original projected cost of \$10.6-million.

"There are still some concerns that we'll be able to contain it within the \$13.7-million," Nichol told board members at the HHHS meeting. It's expected more announcements will be made on costs once the architects' drawings are finalized.



AN IMPORTANT DAY: At Wednesday's county council meeting, MP John O'Reilly, Warden Murray Fearrey, MPP Chris Hodgson and Hugh Nichol, chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board announced infrastructure funding from three levels of government for the local healthcare projects.

Board and province dicker over numbers

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be traced to differing opinions between the two sides over how much revenue the board actually received last year and what funds constitute revenue.

Last April former Education Minister John Snobelen promised stable funding for new boards, equalling 62% of their grant and property tax revenue in 1997. At the time, he said funds held in reserves and surpluses from 1996 were not to be included as revenue.

Based on that formula, the board was to receive roughly \$84.3-million, or 62% of \$136-million.

The board complained that it would lose nearly \$2.2-million for the stub year.

In the end, the province provided the board with 63.1% of the \$136-million it received for 1997 — allowing it to count a portion of its reserves as revenue — which adds up to about \$85.8-million.

While Queen's Park calls this a \$1.5-million funding increase from what was expected, the board calls it a \$582,000 decrease.

"Both statements are correct," Ingram said yesterday morning. "It just depends on what you're comparing it to."

But Hodgson doesn't agree. He even called Ingram Friday to dispute the board's accounting after seeing its press release

announcing the "decrease."

"For them to say we've cut them by \$500,000 is very misleading," Hodgson said. "... Every year they've lost money from the province. This is the first year they've got an increase and they say they've been short-changed by the province."

Meanwhile, the provincial government has vowed to freeze the education portion of residential property taxes for at least the next three years, said Hodgson.

The regulation to implement the freeze will be introduced in the spring.

The Ministry of Education has also announced it will provide funding to help boards pay for amalgamation, but hasn't yet filled in the details.



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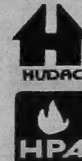
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New youth club in Minden is all part of the strategy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

If there's a protocol to follow at the new youth club in Minden, it's this: enjoy finally having a place where you can gather with people your own age.

On January 31, as one of the first tangible results of the county's strategic planning process, the Protocol Youth Club is set to open at the Minden Rotary's community centre in the former IGA building on Bobcaygeon Road. It will be available for youths aged 12 to 20-something from, it's hoped, 3 to 8 p.m. each day, and later on Saturday nights.

The open house on Saturday will be the logical culmination of the process the county began last summer with a series of public meetings, plus the Youth Forum last fall sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Minden and Haliburton with the active participation of Family Services of Haliburton County.

At these meetings, young people spoke of their frustration in not having a place they could call their own, a place where they could socialize, play table games, listen to music and surf the 'net. A Youth Development Committee was formed through Family Services, and eventually its members approached the Minden Rotary Club, which was renting the space on Bobcaygeon Road as a community outreach program.

Two local youth, Andrew Wilbee and Blair Williams, have volunteered to staff the centre, although it is hoped that funding can be attained for at least one on-

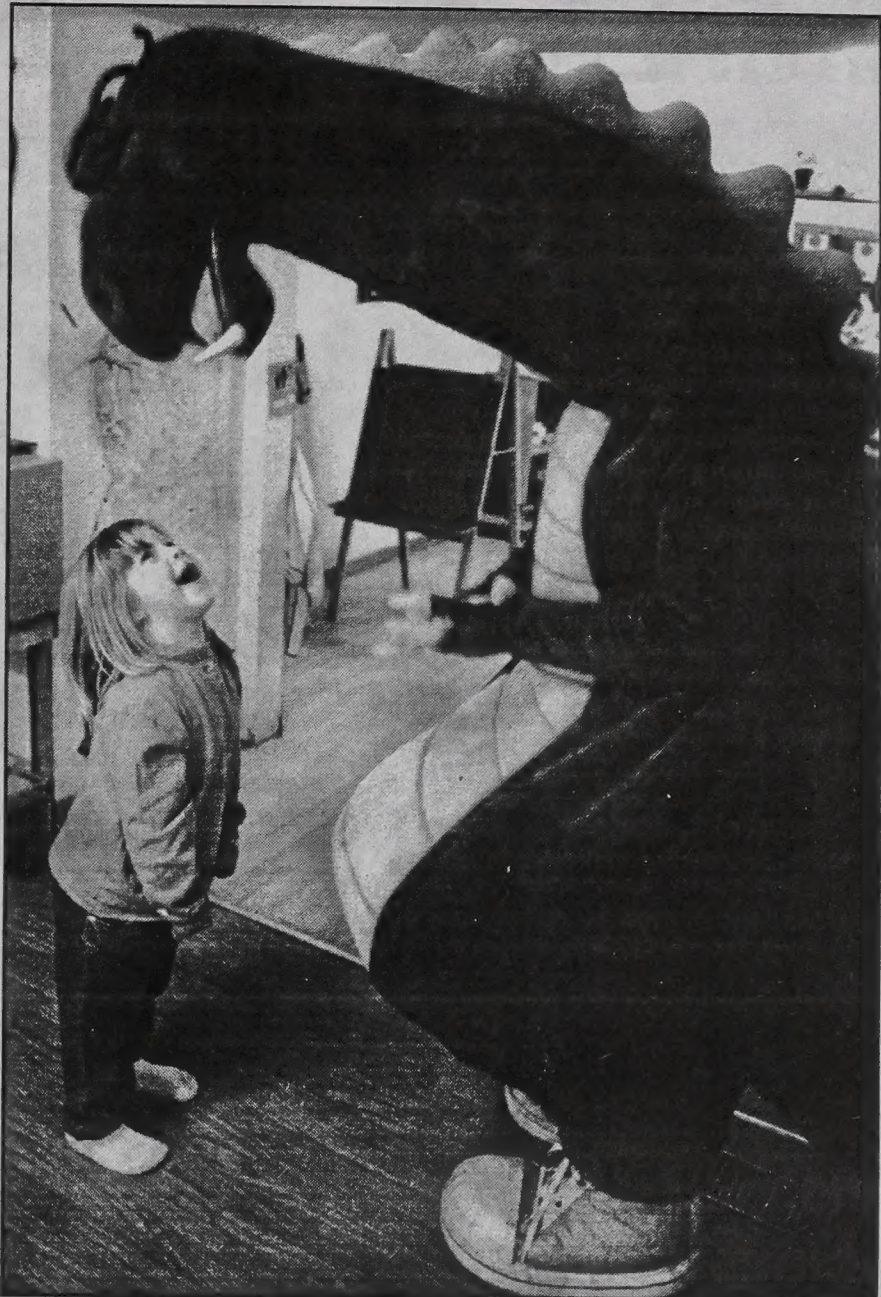
going management position. They will be trained and supervised by Greg Shantz, the youth outreach worker at Family Services. Protocol's financial affairs will also be overseen by Family Services and the Haliburton County Development Corporation is being approached for a \$2,000 start up grant as part of the HCDC's economic development committee.

Protocol is also approaching the CAP program about being the Minden site for the internet access computer (which is now at the Chamber of Commerce. A suitable room can be found for it and, of course, people of all ages would be welcome to use it.

"(The young organizers) deserve a lot of credit," said Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who represents county council on the Family Services board, at Wednesday's county council meeting. "There's a lot to be said for the youth. They've been given the opportunity to do something for themselves and I think (the youth club) is absolutely wonderful."

She said that because of the Family Services connection, the club will have credibility with parents who can "feel good" about their children's involvement.

In other Family Services news, it is opening a sub-office in Minden where staff can meet with clients. There's also the possibility the office, in the former chiropractic office on Main Street, will be staffed 15 to 18 hours a day. It will have a 286-number which will be forwarded to the Haliburton office when staff are not on site.



Alannah Howard-Clark was absolutely delighted to meet this TVO star at last Wednesday's open house at CHACE Daycare Centre in Minden.

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Hodgson announces funds for Winterfest

The Ontario government will provide \$10,000 towards the marketing of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's Winterfest, Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson announced.

"This is a tremendous event that we are very pleased to support," said Hodgson. "I encourage everyone to go to Winterfest and have a good time."

The \$10,000 from the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism will be used to help organizers attract participants to the event.

Winterfest is Feb. 6, 7 and 8 in Haliburton and involves snowmobile

activities and family events. Money raised at Winterfest goes back into the maintenance and building of snowmobile trails.

More than 4,000 participants from throughout Ontario, Quebec and the U.S. are expected to attend the event.

Meanwhile, Hodgson earlier announced that the Ontario government will provide \$15,000 toward the marketing and promotion of the sled dog derby, which runs this weekend. "This is a tremendous event that receives international attention," he said. "We believe it's important that the organizers have every opportunity to promote this exciting event."

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Rural areas saved from brunt of cuts

■ Community Re-investment Fund designed to help local governments cope with downloading

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Hodgson first outlined the government's reasons for implementing the changes.

The previous NDP government over-estimated revenues and under-estimated spending, so that when the Tories came to power in '95, they were faced with an \$11-billion deficit and a debt of over \$100-billion. "It wasn't sustainable and it was crowding out our ability to provide a safety net and remain competitive (in business)," Hodgson said.

The Tories began the path towards their goal of a balanced budget in 2000 by cutting legislative and ministry expenses, including their own salaries and perks. They also reduced the number of MPPs from 130 to 104 by conforming to federal riding boundaries.

But 70% of the province's spending is transfer payments to municipalities, hospitals and boards of education. If it simply cut transfers to municipalities in the same way the federal government cut its transfers to



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provinces by 43%, then Hodgson said rural and northern municipalities would be hurt the most since they rely more heavily on provincial grants. Grants "should be based on need, not population." Haliburton's needs were considerable, but its high assessment base meant it was expected to pick up more of the load.

The province then came up with the idea of transferring some services to municipalities in exchange for picking up all the costs of education. However, this again would have a more serious impact on rural municipalities so after negotiations with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the province agreed to pay for 50% of education and not download as many services. It also put a cap on cuts, which was of large benefit to Haliburton County's board, which, Hodgson noted, had increased its budget by 129% over the past 10 years.

Hodgson said the provincial government wants to ensure that every child across Ontario has access to the same level of education, whether they live in Rosedale or Haliburton.

When problems began appearing with downsizing costs to municipalities, the province set up a \$570-million Community Re-investment Fund which rural and northern municipalities can dip into to offset increases in costs (as long as they reduced their costs by 1.7%. When Cardiff Reeve Doug Holman complained that municipalities in Haliburton County have been very cost effective and responsi-

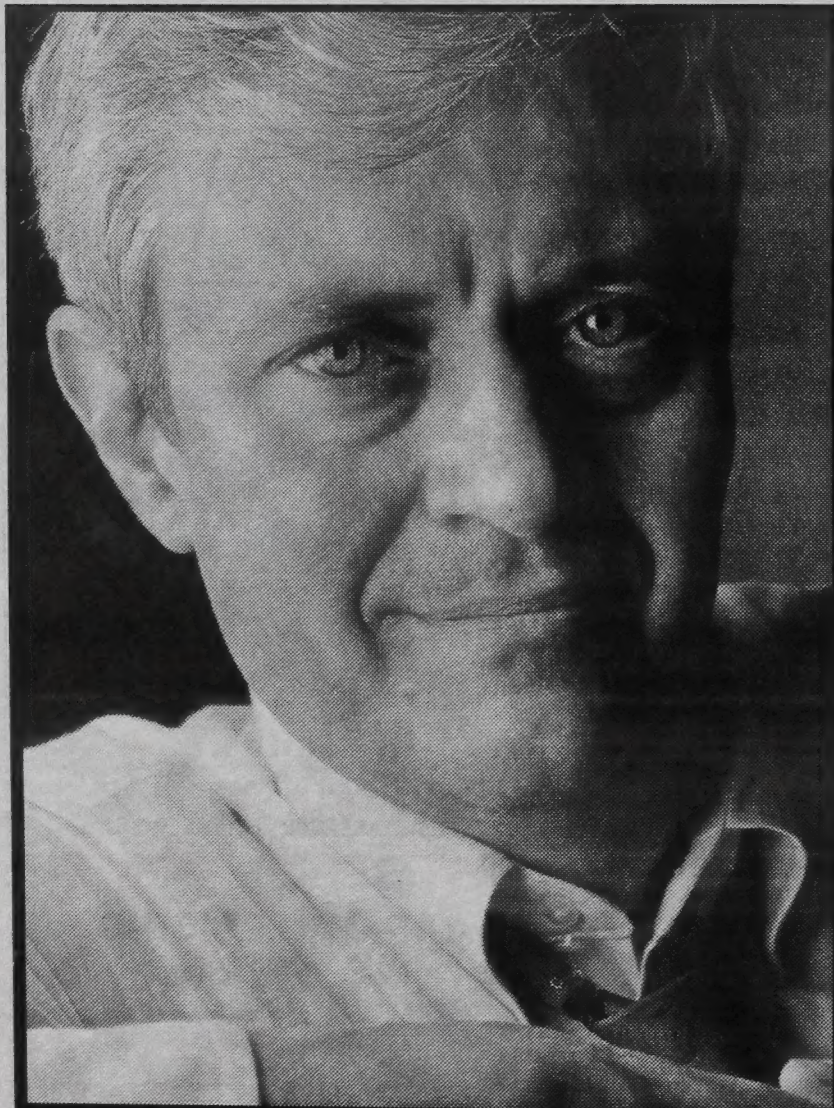
ble and they're still being penalized by having to make the 1.7% cut from lean budgets, Hodgson said look at it this way: "The 1.7% reduction is based on budget so if you had spent twice as much money, you would have had to save twice as much.")

As municipalities began working out the details, the configuration of the fund has been changed. Access to the funding will be based on need, not an allocation per municipality. As well, the province has given municipalities more flexibility and control so it can make the cuts more easily.

It's control which worried Warden Murray Fearrey. The county is now having to pay for such services as health unit and social housing, even though it has little control over how the money's spent; "we're just given the bill." Hodgson said that with initiatives to streamline those areas, there should be eventual cost savings and until they're in place, transitional funding is available.

Given the extent of the changes, Hodgson said it's not surprising there's some confusion at the beginning. Everyone laughed when he said "you may find this hard to believe, but sometimes the numbers are wrong."

Fearrey said that as municipal politicians, "we're trying to co-operate and make this work; it's just difficult to assume we can change things (at this level) when we have no control (over some of the new services, such as health unit, which county taxpayers now have to pay for.)"



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OPP funding would have changed even without downloading: MPP

The following are brief reports of some of the issues raised with MPP Chris Hodgson on Wednesday.

The \$90-per-household cost for assuming financial responsibility for local OPP services wasn't included in the formula for revenue-neutral downloading because local property taxes would have had to start paying for the service anyway, Hodgson said.

Until recently, the rule was that any town with more than 5,000 people had to pay for its own policing. Places with smaller populations – everywhere in Haliburton County – had OPP services provided for free by the province.

However, some of the towns which had to pay for police didn't think this was fair and took the province to court, Hodgson said. The province lost. Now, policing will primarily become a local responsibility no matter where you live. The province did put a cap of \$90 per household on the costs to help ease the impact.

Assessment

Since a large number of appeals are expected as the province shifts to Actual Value Assessment over the next year, the province has agreed to pick up the costs of appeal courts. It is also establishing the Ontario Property

Assessment Corporation to regulate the system.

Hodgson said some politicians, such as Mississauga's mayor, would like to take on assessment since in urban areas with a large number of apartments, it wouldn't be very expensive. Costs increase dramatically in rural areas, however. A Victoria County representative has been appointed to the corporation's board to make sure rural concerns are addressed, Hodgson said.

AVA-multiple tenancies

When municipalities get tax rolls, individual tenants are no longer noted; instead, the landowner is the only one listed. This raises considerable problems in Dysart et al, which used to issue tax notices to the 601 lease-holders at Harcourt Park and will now have only one owner listed on the roll, and Lutterworth, which has a similar problem with Hunter Creek Estates. Individual tenants will be available in 1999 but not in '98. Hodgson will try to find a solution.

Forest rebates

Dysart's tax roll tags 400 properties for the Managed Forest designation, but Fearrey estimates that only 60 of them qualify for the tax reduction. If interim bills are issued now with the designation, that means property owners who don't have proper designations will be hit with a really big final bill. (Managed forests which adhere to guidelines pay only 25% of regular tax rate.) "You'll have to make it clear that if they don't qualify they'll have to make it up," said Hodgson.

Restructuring

The province has no right to arbitrarily change municipal boundaries, Hodgson said. Sherborne Reeve Don Shortreed is worried about overtures from Muskoka. Hodgson said Muskoka couldn't force an amalgamation without Sherborne's and Haliburton County's approval.

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Editorial

AV-Arrrghhh!

THERE IS A 10-LETTER WORD which is as nasty as any of the four-letter variety: assessment. And when you add the two words "property tax" before it, it's enough to make you really cringe. Indeed, property tax assessment is such a nightmare that very little has really been done to modernize it. The present system might be unwieldy, unfair and indecipherable, but once you understood the little devil, its bad points seemed almost quaint.

But the Tory government has decided to open the Pandora's Box of property assessment, and not surprisingly, dozens more devils have come leaping out to confuse municipal staff and ratepayers alike. Should they have just let well enough alone and content themselves with a massive overhaul of practically ever other sphere of provincial life?

Many municipal staffers suffering from daily headaches as they try to absorb all the changes inherent with the introduction of Actual Value Assessment would probably say yes. But except for the desire to keep their lives as simple as possible, it's hard to defend not changing the system. It was a bad system and accepting it as bad was no excuse for leaving it as it was.

First of all, is there anyone who has really understood their tax bill? A poll of Echo staff revealed that no one could remember what their house was assessed at because the stated assessed value had absolutely nothing to do with its real value because of the complex mathematical formulas involved. Besides, all they cared about was that "bottom line", or the payment due. With AVA, the assessment value you see on your bill is supposed to be fairly close to the price your property would fetch on the open market if it was sold today. (That's one of the main reasons municipalities are expecting an explosion of appeals as people disagree with the market value stated on the bill.)

More importantly, under the old system a person who built in 1990 was paying more than a neighbour who built in 1960, even if the two properties would have the same dollar value simply because the assessment office had a much more current estimate of its present value. And someone with a \$100,000 property in one municipality was assessed at a different value than someone in the neighbouring municipality, because each municipality used different base years. Value fluctuations are particularly pertinent for lakeshore properties, since the value of lakeshore land has increased far more dramatically over the past decades than residential properties off the lake. AVA is an attempt to make the system more fair and that's a meaningful goal. But to make things fair to people who are paying a disproportionate amount of property taxes, people who are paying less than is due will have to ante up. And the people whose taxes stay the same or go down as a result of AVA will not be as loud in their comments as those who see their taxes go up, and they'll be shouting from their rooftops. (That's why the people in Toronto will be complaining more than the people of suburban Oshawa. One silver lining for local politicians is at least all property owners will be familiar with AVA by the end of the year so when cottagers get their Highlands tax bill any changes won't be seen as a plot to stick it to those rich city folks.)

For all the benefits of changing to AVA, however, the timing could have been better. Because January 1 was the start date for provincial downloading, there already will be changes to how much people will have to pay in property taxes. By combining downloading to the shift to AVA on the same tax year, it will be very difficult to know what, or who, to blame for any increases. This makes it all the more important for people to attend the information sessions at the end of February sponsored by the local assessment board. But be prepared to bring along a calculator and a couple of Aspirin.

M.P.



Winter still life

by Len Pizze

Letters to the Editor

Many hands make nordic races great

To the Editor:

I want to express an enormous "thank you" on behalf of all the skiers and ski club members who enjoyed the highly successful races that were held in Glebe Park on Saturday, January 24.

Our thanks go to the event's organizing team, who are mostly club members but the team also includes a large group of teachers involved in the high school cross country racing program. Our thanks also go to the volunteers and staff of the Haliburton Nordic Trails Association who groomed to perfection the snow with which nature bountifully provided us.

In the lead up to the event, the Municipality of Dysart et al and adjacent landowner Curry Bishop supported us generously in assisting with the improvements to the ski trails and we thank them. The municipality has also helped us with the parking spaces and other facilities, which include the aid we get from the staff of the Haliburton Museum.

All of these contributions are making Glebe Park into an important skiing area. Come out and be part of the Nordic Events of the Ontario Winter Games and Ontario High School Races (OFSSA) on February 22 to 24!

Peter Brogden, President,
Haliburton Highlands Cross
Country Ski Club

Injured couple touched by community's help

To the Editor:

I wish to thank you for your moving coverage of the incident in which Darren and Tracy Cole of Minden were seriously injured. The trust fund you helped to advertise is slowly growing well.

I'd like to offer an update as we often lose track of people and would rather know how they are doing. Both have been moved to Riverdale Hospital for rehabilitation, where they are sharing a room. Darren is ahead of schedule and doing well considering his injuries. He has casts on both legs from the knee down to his toes and a great deal of stainless steel hardware there and in his upper leg bone on his left side. He is cheerful and extremely grateful for the outpouring of our wonderful communities.

Many people, from past clients of Kennis Contracting to prior babysitting or Wee Care clients, to total strangers, have shown caring and compassion in deeds and/or donations.

Tracy is also touched by the community outpouring and especially grateful to the neighbours and friends who have offered help.

Tracy will be in the hospital another month under intense physiotherapy. Her treatment may include trips back to St. Michael's on occasion.

The same is true for Darren, except his length of stay is unknown at this time but it seems certain he will be coming home in a wheelchair. We are planning to help with renovations to their home and furniture to accommo-

date them this year. Again, I thank you for concern as evidenced in the articles in your paper. Please encourage continued help as these young people will need it as they try to rebuild their lives.

Cathy Lancia
Kennis Lake

Emergency underscores importance of health services

To the Editor:

It takes an emergency at home to make us stop and count our blessings!

A beautiful day, heading down the drive to get some fresh air and pick up the mail. In an instant, a slip, a hard fall, a fractured hip and I can't move. Thank goodness the Haliburton ambulance and the skilled attendants arrived quickly, picked me up gently and headed to our Haliburton Hospital; slowing to ease over the bumps was sure appreciated. X-rayed and prepared for the trip, the same ambulance took me to Peterborough Civic for the repair job. A week there and a week in our hospital and I'm back home on recovery road.

The point is, these health services are so important! Help maintain them! Give generously - whenever!

Wanda Anthes
Stanhope

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Barbie Girl

BARBIE CAME to our house this Christmas. Yes, she arrived with all the pomp and circumstance that usually accompanies the 38-year-old eternal debutante. Sophie was thrilled with the latest addition to her collection and played happily with "Teacher" Babs and her two toddler students for the duration.

The whole idea of the Barbie phenomenon is a little strange. Since her conception (and I use the term loosely) in 1959, Barbie has gone from being the greatest thing since the invention of the wheel to a pox on a feminist society. When Mattel first thought of bringing this plastic beauty to life, little did they know that their dream icon would create such a stir all over the world.

When she first arrived, she was touted as the beautifully dressed model that every little girl yearned to one day become. She was tall, (legs that wouldn't quit), slim waisted and had a great set of lungs (if you know what I mean!). Her fabulous hair was every woman's dream, as it cascaded in a silver shimmering waterfall down her perfectly sculpted back. And wardrobe! This girl could dress for every occasion, be it lounging around in satin pyjamas at home or going to a Crystal Ball. I know I never seem to have the right accessories to go with my ball gown but that was never Barbie's problem.

Girls, and yes I was one of them, could play for hours dressing and undressing this statuesque babe and pretending, in some deep recess of their mind, that they were actually she, and her adventures were theirs. After all, we were only eight or ten years old.

That was in the late 50s and 60s when it OK to have a bikini for every day of the week (that would be your Malibu Barbie) and a high heel was far better than a high IQ. Then along came Gloria and the Gals and lo and behold, Barbie was out, and so were her perfectly matched 36Bs. Women had to get out of the downtrodden role in which they had found themselves as mere

sex objects, barefoot and pregnant and all that stuff. But Barbie wasn't and in the ensuing liberation of an entire gender, this mere unliving doll found herself at the centre of many a controversy. She was held up as a symbol of the stupid female, those who couldn't think for themselves, were shallow and thoughtless, and felt it was more important to look good than to feel good about the inner you. Barbie took a lot of flack for what was essentially women coming of age in what was perceived to have been a man's world. But then, the 70s and 80s were hard on a lot of things in this world, music and politics to name a few.

Then came the 90s and although Mattel had given Ms. Barbara a facelift both in 1967 and 1977, the new improved version of our gal

was going to be better than ever. It all started early in the decade with Barbie actually getting a life. No more was she just a pretty face. No way. She had jobs and not just one. You can now find Dentist Barbie, Vet Barbie, Lawyer Barbie and will wonders never cease, Teacher Barbie. She can scuba dive, teach aerobics, and sing in a rock band. Darned if I can do any of those things! She is a role model for any number of other dolls like Cousin Skipper, Latino Theresa, Afro-American Julie, and sweet little Kelly (whoever she belongs to, I'll never know).

And as if that isn't enough, now Mattel is going to make her "more life-like" so that she won't be an unreasonable goal for young girls. Yes, it seems that the bad press has finally gotten to said toy manufacturer and they have succumbed. They no longer want to be blamed for the eating disorders and vacuous minds of millions of young girls. Uh-uh, no more will they take the heat for what is, we must remember, just a toy with which children can play. They have given her a career, made her socially conscious and now they are allegedly making her more in the mold of a "real woman".

In the words of the press release from Mattel, "Barbie will have a thicker waist, with hips and chest in proportion. Above the neck, she will have a fuller nose, a less prominent mouth and her hair will be softer and straighter and not as blond".

Well, there you go, Barbie has finally come down to earth. Oh can it be that my long-gone childhood dream of being Barbie



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman



Pic of the Past

This photo of the late Doug Hodgson was taken in Fenelon Falls in 1943 when he was 15 and students from across Victoria and Haliburton were being recognized for their war effort. The students bought war saving stamps at school and raised \$25,000 to buy a Hurricane fighter plane. In 1940, at the height of the air war, Britain lost up to 300 fighting planes a month, so the need for new aircraft was urgent. Our thanks to Doug's brother Tom for sharing this photo with us.

Theatre carries many benefits

IN LATE 1994, at a Highlands Little Theatre presentation of Brigadoon, a dream of a viable performing arts theatre was presented to the audience as a possibility. To become a probability much more was needed.

At that time I wrote a column that listed some of the almost insurmountable problems. Besides dreamers I noted we needed "a continuing supply of dedicated people to keep the dream alive - actors, dancers, musicians, producers, directors, costume and set designers as well as fund raisers."

Well those insurmountable problems have proven to be definitely surmountable as the production of Anne of Green Gables and the enthusiastic fund raisers have aptly demonstrated.

I also in that column speculated on the benefits that could ensue to the community as a whole. I posed a question, "To what extent is art a necessary facet of our lives?" And of course I gave my answer based upon my understanding of history as well as my inclination. I think it bears repeating now that the probability may become a reality for as well as the practical even physical enticements such as comfortable seats and

tax rebates for donors, there is also an intangible but nevertheless real value to our society, if you think as I do.

I wrote, "There is considerable historical evidence to support the conclusion that artistic endeavors are not only prevalent in human society from its earliest known beginning but also are amongst the earliest activities that separate primitive people from the animal world. For example, not only did our human race begin to fashion

the extent acceptable the furthering of these endeavors?"

A performance hall whose design addresses the problems of comfortable seating, space to store the paraphernalia of the theatre groups as well as musical instruments, adequate change rooms and above all good acoustics will be both a tangible and intangible benefit to our community.

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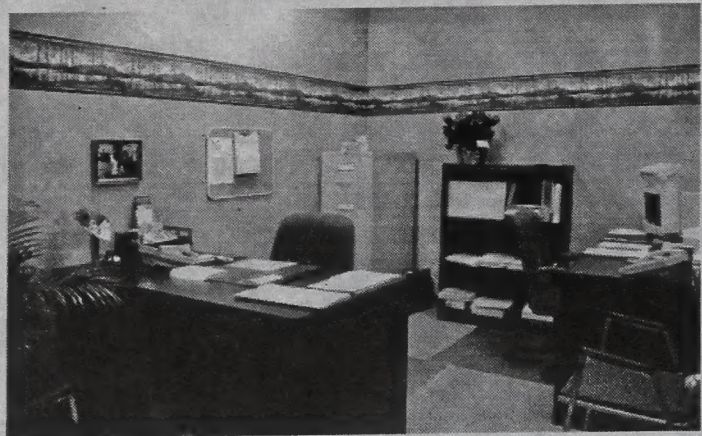
"We do not have similar evidence concerning the oral evidence for such did not survive the centuries. But peripheral evidence is available through the remaining drawings on ancient Egyptian tomb walls, for instance. Many are the scenes that show dancing, musical instruments, etc."

I continued, "If this conclusion bears up to scrutiny and I suggest it does then do we each not have an obligation to support to

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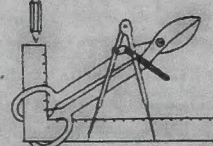
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'Home turf' an advantage for HHSS skiers at OFSAA race

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Racers on Haliburton high school's nordic ski team are gearing up for what could be one of their best showings in provincial cross-country competition.

In less than a month, approximately 800 skiers from high schools across Ontario will come to the Highlands to decide who are the fastest racers in the province during the three-day OFSAA races (Feb. 22, 23 and 24).

And skiers from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hope their conditioning and knowledge of the hilly Glebe Park trails will give them a leg

up on most of their competitors.

Veteran competitors Ainsley Heyes, Amanda Duncombe and Ryan O'Neill are among the top racers from the school's 37-member team who are expected to do well at OFSAA.

"We all have a big advantage this year because we ski on the course all the time," said Duncombe.

"This our home turf," said O'Neill.

Heyes, who placed a highly respectable 23rd in last year's competition, has been skiing the Glebe Park trails with her family since she was a very young child.

She knows the upside of every hill that has to be climbed along



RARING TO GO: Ainsley Heyes, Ryan O'Neill and Amanda Duncombe are among the top racers on the HHSS nordic ski team expected to do well at next month's OFSAA competition at Glebe Park. Nearly 800 students from across the province will race in the event.

the route and the downsides where it's important to build up speed.

That familiarity could help her and the other Haliburton skiers shave a second or two off their

times, which will make a huge difference in the standings.

But competing at home against the best in the province also carries additional pressures for local athletes.

"A lot of people think that someone from the school is going to win just because the race is being held here," said

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THEY'RE OFF: Above, the junior girls jockey for position going up the first hill after the start of Saturday's pre-OFSAA nordic ski race at Haliburton's Glebe Park. At right, competitors in the Masters men's race start off. The Glebe site will also host the Kawartha and COSSA high school championships prior to the OFSAA event.



Community support runs strong for nordic ski race

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Duncombe. "... There's more stress when you're competing here because people expect you to do well, but at the same time you do have a little bit of an advantage."

Placing in the top 50 in these races is looked upon as quite a feat, considering the top finishers usually go on to make the Junior National Nordic Team.

Skiers from HHSS also have sheer numbers in their favour for this year's races.

Because the school is hosting the event it gets to enter its entire team in the event, while the other schools can only send their top few racers in each competition.

As well as individual races for junior and seniors boys and girls, there are also relay races.

Haliburton's team has been practising four nights per week in preparation for the event. But individually, racers have been conditioning themselves for far longer.

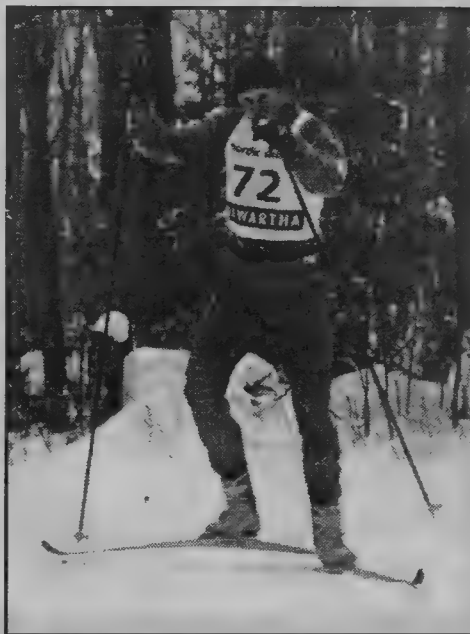
"If you want to do well, you have to have been working year-round," said Heyes. "Do something during the summer — jogging, biking, swimming."

Bruce Griffith, coach of the school's nordic ski team, is impressed by the team's enthusiasm.

"We have 37 skiers which is the biggest team we've ever had. We've never had a group that's so keen before and I think it's because this big race is being held here. It's got them all excited and pumped up."

There's also been a lot of support and excitement from individuals and businesses in the community, said Griffith.

Between 50 and 60 volunteers — most



MASTERS RACE: Blake Paton, above, nears the finish line to win the Masters men's race Saturday, while Bob Heyes, left, came in fifth.

of them nordic skiers themselves — will be helping out during the three-day OFSAA competition.

Local businesses, individuals and other organizations have donated \$7,000 in cash toward the races, as well as goods for prizes.

"We're getting fantastic support," Griffith said.

The event will also have an important economic impact on the county, as the 800 skiers, their coaches and family

members move in to the Highlands for three days of racing during a typically slow period.

The first day of action — Feb. 22 — is set aside for practise runs to allow the visiting athletes to get accustomed to the course. Individual races will be held the following day and relay races are scheduled for the final day.

Next winter HHSS will again host the OFSAA races at Glebe Park.

Ski for Heart hits slopes Feb. 14

On Saturday, February 14, Sir Sam's Ski Area, in conjunction with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, will be hosting the Fourth Annual Ski for Heart.

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Huskies' tenacity pays off

by WALTER TOSE

On Saturday the OMHA Atom Huskies travelled to Minden for a much anticipated return match. Once again the fans were treated to some top-notch, fast-paced Atom hockey with solid team efforts by both teams.

Perhaps the most significant trait of this year's Atom team is their tenacity. They give it their very best effort, one hundred percent, from opening face off to final buzzer, and they never let up whether they are ahead or behind. The name "Huskies" fits well. This trait was apparent in Saturday's match as the Huskies kept coming at the Monarchs and simply did not let up all game. Goaltender Jeremy Moynes faced a series of shots early in the game, but once the Huskies settled into their rhythm, the defensive play by the Huskies was rock solid. The Huskies did a much better job of

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coming out of their own end and were very effective in pinning the Monarchs in the offensive zone. Minden had few chances to score and were able to capitalize only twice.

Meanwhile the Husky offence kept chipping away at the Monarch defence. The Husky forwards provided aggressive forechecking, many time beating Minden to the puck, and they also showed some creative passing plays. Jesse Johnson, Brandon Bowman and Andy Dawson continue to lead by example in the hustle department. Jesse Johnson and his linemates, Matt Roberts and Aaron Donaldson, showed some creative passing and combined on several plays for goals. In total, the Huskies notched six goals for a 6-2 win.

Josh Fick earns defensive player of the week for his solid play, with special mention to Justin Abbs who played perhaps his best game of the season to date. Captain Jesse Johnson earns offensive player of the week for his outstanding hustle.

The Huskies have only one game remaining in their regular season. They play Bobcaygeon at home this Friday night and can lock up first place with a win. Come out and support them!



TOP FAMILY: Winning the recent Family Feud Bonspiel at the Wilberforce Curling Club were Second Paul Culbert, Lead Sue Culbert, Vice Colleen Ward and Skip Jack Ward.

Ward clan takes Family Feud Bonspiel

Skip Jack Ward had the clan in top form and on the button for the 1998 running of the Family Feud Bonspiel at the Monmouth Curling Club's Wilberforce rink.

With wife Colleen as Vice, son-in-law Paul Culbert as Second and daughter Sue

Culbert leading off, the Ward rink topped a full-capacity field of 12 rinks taking part in the annual competition.

Skip John Waugh's foursome - Vice Angie Waugh, Second Al Jeans and Lead Lynn Waugh - gave it a good shot but had to settle for second place honours.

Club President Roberta Walsh skipped her quartet - Vice Max Walsh, Second Kathy Rogers and Lead Steve

Rogers - to a third place finish.

Fourth place went to a four-some skipped by Ken Craig, backed by Sharon Stoughton-Craig throwing as Vice, with Second Harry Dale and Lead Mary Dale.

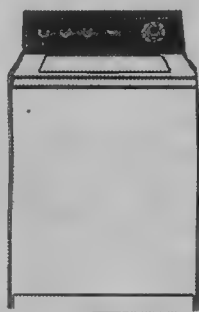
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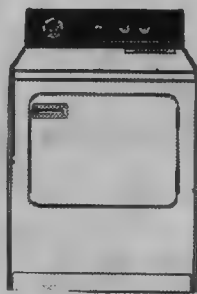
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Novice B Huskies
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Rocket Tykes come away with
one win in three tough games

by VINCE DUCHENE

It keeps getting better and better and better! The Novice B Huskies are truly in a class of their own this year as last week's games proved.

Game #1 - Wilberforce vs. Haliburton. This for the most part was a close checking tough game and although our Huskies got on the board early in the first it was evident that we weren't going to run away with this game. The Rockets held on throughout the first frame and started to come around as the second period approached. Early in the second they evened the score at one but just 1:53 later, we scored. Again the Rockets fought hard and evened the score.

The game was exciting, fast, close checking and certainly entertaining. The score remained tied until the 6:12 of the third period when Mitchell Vasey labeled the bottom corner of the net after being sent on a break-away by Matthew Duchene. The flavor of the game definitely turned in our favor at that point. Connor MacMillan and Mitchell Vasey both scored again to put us up 5 - 2, the final score.

The "B's Player of the Game" goes to Connor MacMillan who played a fantastic hockey game defensively and also helped out on the offense. Connor, you are a great leader for us, keep up the good work.

The "Defensive Player of the Game" goes to Ryan Scheffee who really covered up well in his own end and helped out in a big way with the win on this day. Remember Ryan, defense wins hockey games, but were glad you have that touch around the offensive net too.

Game # 2, Beaverton vs. Haliburton, turned out to be a very interesting contest. A typical Beaverton team, very aggressive in nature, played us hard on this day. Just 25 seconds into the game, the Blades scored and it seemed to set our team back on their heels. We struggled to get any offense going in the first period to the point that we managed only one shot on goal. The highlight of the year came on that one shot when Max Ambridge received a pass from James Roberts and drove to the net on a semi breakaway. The Blades' defenseman caught up to Max lifting his stick but Max had the presence of mind to kick the puck over to James Roberts who was standing alongside the net, an empty net!

The Blades re-established their one-goal lead early in the second before our Huskies pulled out our trump card, that Husky pride! Matthew Duchene made a couple of great moves at the Blades' blueline and found himself alone in front of the net. 2 - 2! With just 1 second left in the middle frame J.J. Jowett did his best Mats Sundin impersonation and tried a wrap around from behind the net and although he was stopped the rebound ended

up on James Roberts' stick. 3 - 2!

As the final buzzer sounded the clock read Haliburton 6, Beaverton 3. The interesting thing in this game was we scored six goals on just eight shots! Accuracy was key today.

The "B's Player of the Game" goes to J.J. Jowett who was everywhere in this contest. We especially liked that wrap around J.J.. Good job and keep up the strong work ethic.

The "Defensive Player of the Game" goes to Max Ambridge who was outstanding. Great skate pass Max, you looked like Peter Zezel.

by SANDY JOHNSTON

The Rocket Tykes had some travelling to do with two games away. The first match was against Sunderland, who took control late in the first period and scored two goals.

In the second period, Andi Donaldson set up Jessee Tallman who scored the first goal for the Rockets. The Rockets had their work cut out for them but CJ slid a beauty in, assisted by Andi. Also, Matt Johnston scored a nice one assisted by Jarret Donaldson to end the second period in a tie.

Third period was a tough one

as both teams were determined to win. Goalie Kyle Steele was solid between the pipes and gave the Rockets a chance to score the winning goal and they did. With some nice passing from CJ and Jessee, Andi scored the winning goal. Final score was Rockets 4, Sunderland 3.

The following day the Rockets were in Cannington for an evening game. It was a tough one. Unfortunately, Cannington scored the only two goals. The Rockets had a few scoring opportunities but just couldn't get the puck past the Cannington goalie.

One week later, the Rockets had a competitive match against Manvers. It was end-to-end in the first with no scoring for either side. Manvers took control of the puck in the second and scored three goals. Jessee Tallman turned around and scored an unassisted goal, putting the Rockets on the board with one.

It was a tough third period as Manvers scored two more goals. Matt Johnson scored the final goal for the Rockets with help from Jarrett Donaldson 15 seconds before the buzzer. Final score was Rockets 2, Manvers 5. Better luck next time!

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1. What types of RRSP investments are available?

There are many different RRSP investment alternatives.

Through banks, trust companies, credit unions and other financial institutions, you can put your money in interest-bearing investments such as guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) and daily interest savings accounts. As well, you can invest in mutual funds through most financial institutions and mutual fund companies. If you want to hold a wider variety of investments in a plan, you can use a self-directed RRSP.

2. How much can I contribute?

The maximum you can contribute in any one year (called your RRSP contribution room) is based on earned income for the prior year. If you are not a

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Under new rules introduced by the 1996 federal budget, you will have to wind up your RRSP the year you turn 69.

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3. What if I contribute too

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You are allowed a cumulative, lifetime total over-contribution of \$2,000. Such an over-contribution may be deducted in a subsequent year when your contribution is less than the allowable limit. Once you have done that, the \$2,000 over-contribution limit is available once

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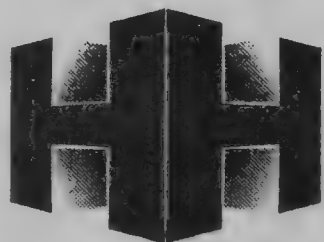
5. How long can I contribute?

Under new rules introduced by the 1996 federal budget, you will have to wind up your RRSP the year you turn 69.

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Develop Your Own Strategy

As an investor, you should develop a strategy that reflects your goals and your comfort level with the degree of risk that goes with every investment. Then, you can make your investment decisions within the boundaries of your strategy.

Some financial institutions have developed services that can help. For instance, a simple question and answer process helps to reveal the type of investor you are. The questionnaires can be picked up from your local branch and completed at home. You can also find them on some banks' home pages on the Internet.

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Tips on developing a sound RRSP investment strategy

A registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) is one of the simplest and most effective investments available in Canada today. Your RRSP contributions not only help you save for a more comfortable retirement and save on taxes, but any income they generate is allowed to grow tax-free.

But don't just contribute blindly, advises Mary Durocher, CA, a senior manager on KPMG's tax group in Ottawa. "You should develop an RRSP investment strategy to determine how to best invest your funds in the broad array of investment options available."

There is no one strategy that meets everyone's financial goals and investment time horizon,

says Kent Davison, CA, a partner with Coopers & Lybrand in Ottawa. "How you arrive at a diversified RRSP portfolio that's right for you depends on your age, timetable to reach your goals and your level of risk tolerance."

Adds Durocher, "For example, do you plan to retire in five, 10 or 20 years?" The closer you are to retirement, the less risk you want to take with your investments. As well, she points out, "a 55-year old person with two teenage children is in a different financial situation than an empty-nester or single person of the same age."

Along with your objectives and risk tolerance, you also need to consider how much time you

are willing to spend on managing your RRSP assets. The simplest option, says Durocher, is also the lowest paying. That's a daily interest account with a financial institution. "But, if you are willing to be more aggressive with your retirement funds by investing in stocks or bonds of your own choosing," advises Durocher, "consider setting up a self-directed RRSP. This allows you to direct how the funds in your RRSP are invested and gives you the flexibility to pursue a wider range of investment options."

All RRSPs can invest in a wide variety of options, Davison explains. These include cash, GICs, term deposits and treasury bills, various types of govern-

ment or municipal bonds, shares and bonds of corporations listed on Canadian stock exchanges, RRSP-eligible mutual funds, and certain small business shares.

It is also possible to invest in your home mortgage under certain conditions, he says. Moreover, an RRSP may invest in foreign property "which includes shares listed on certain foreign stock exchanges and bonds of certain foreign governments." No more than 20 per cent may be invested in foreign assets, though.

Which of these options you'll want for your RRSP also depends on various tax considerations. Both CAs advise that tax-favoured investments (such

as capital gains and dividends) should be held outside RRSPs and non-tax-favoured investments (such as GICs) inside your RRSP.

Determining a good investment strategy is really a job for a professional, they say. A chartered accountant will know how to evaluate all the options available to you and help devise a financial plan that's right for your overall situation. Without such a plan, they warn, you may be at the mercy of the government and your family when the time comes to retire and they may not be willing or able to give you the lifestyle you wish.

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Hardworking Bantam A Huskies edged out

by SUE CLARKSON

Millbrook's return engagement to the Husky Bantam As hal-lowed arena recently was eagerly anticipated. Home ice advan-

tage in the playoffs was at stake.

The opening period flew by with several excellent scoring chances by both teams. At the start of the second, Millbrook drew first with a slapshot from

the hash marks. The Huskies answered five minutes later when Jamie Luck passed up ice to Adam Clarkson, who muscled around the Millbrook defence-man. Although his shot was

denied, Adam Henry made a fine play tucking home the rebound. By the third, it looked like a tie was imminent but Millbrook scored with just 4:15 left. Despite pulling our goalie and strong Husky play, the score remained Millbrook 2, Huskies 1. The defence of Logan Roberts, Jamie Johnston, Jamie Doan, Dan Koz and Brian Mulholland in net did an excellent job. Each game, the win gets closer.

In a game against Beaverton, Dan Koz unloaded a rocket from the point that Nick Cochrane picked up out of a wild scramble to get the Huskies on the scoreboard. Before the end of the period, Adam Clarkson drove wide around Beaverton's defenders, cutting in to snap a

shot into the top corner. The Blades scored in the second and Jamie Doan made a miraculous effort on a Beaverton break-away, getting back in time to lay his stick down and prevent a shot on net.

In the third, after several cycles of the puck between Adam Clarkson and Nick, Adam walked out and put one in on a backhand. Shortly after, Ryan Wood cut off a Beaverton clearing attempt, sending the puck in behind the net to Nick, who relayed it to Dan Koz roaring in from the point. Kozzy made it 4-1.

The night wasn't over though as Beaverton netted one more but were denied another despite a 6-on-3 opportunity for the final minute.

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Rocket Atoms bounce back from losses with big victory

by RON PETTIT

The Wilberforce Atoms improved their game after the losses suffered to Lindsay and Mariposa earlier in the month. The first team to feel the wrath of the Rockets was Sunderland.

Sunderland scored a goal on the Rockets late in the first period but then the boys struck back with eight unanswered goals. Tim Pettit was the first to score, assisted by Kanan Quibell, followed by Terry Bannon unassisted, Shawn Crowder assisted by Justin Donaldson and Kevin Bowman, Tim Pettit from Andy Sayers and Gavin Swan and Andy assisted by Tim and Gavin. The third period saw goals by Terry Bannon unassisted, Shawn Crowder from Tim Pettit, with the final goal going to Shawn.

The Rockets then faced their major rivals – the Mariposa Lightning. Although the Rockets had lost to the Lightning the last time the teams met, the boys came out flying. The first period was hard-fought between the teams

but with 1:15 left to go, Kevin Bowman scored, with an assist going to Josh McKay. Tim Pettit made it 2-0. In the third period, Tim Pettit scored again, followed by Josh McKay, assisted by Terry Bannon and Andy Sayers. Tim finished the scoring off, assisted by Gavin Swan. Final score was 5-1 for the Rockets.

The boys then travelled to Beaverton to show off their talents. Once again, the Rockets flew, scoring three goals in the first period. Kanan Quibell scored first, assisted by Gavin Swan, followed by Josh McKay from Kanan, and finally Shawn Crowder unassisted. Beaverton scored first in the second but that was to be their first and last goal in this game. Tim Pettit scored assisted by Kanan Quibell, Rodney Fowler from Gavin, Kanan from Gavin and then two goals in a row from Gavin.

Congratulations goes out to the whole team for these dominant wins and especially to Chris Johnston, who recorded a goals against average of 1.00 in these three games.

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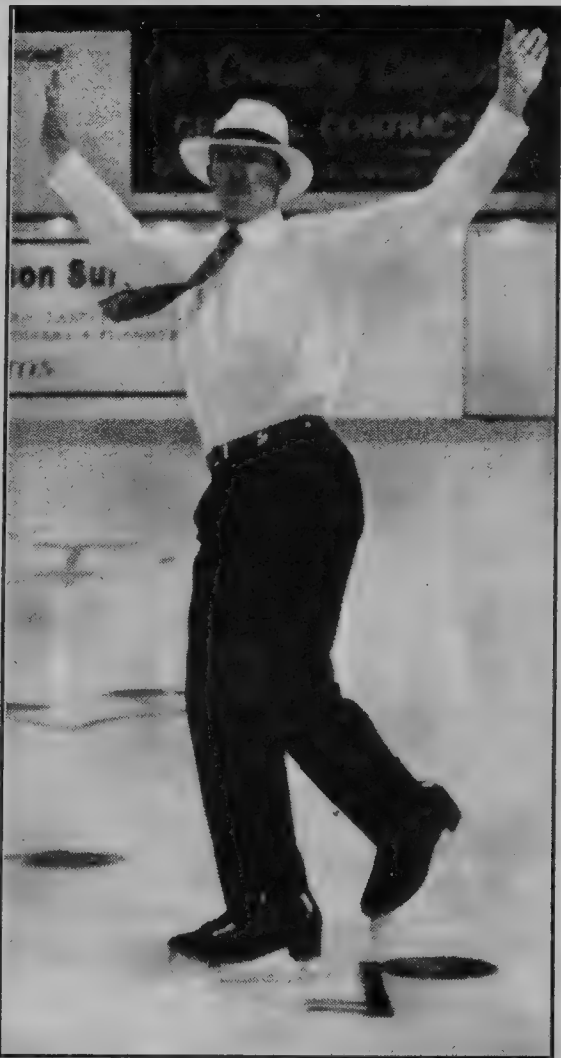
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TOP IN HIS CLASS: Sixteen-year-old Tristan Pawluch of Minden, who was one of the star performers in the Haliburton Figure Skating Club's carnival on Sunday, at right, recently earned the top spot in the Novice division of the Great Lakes Skating Festival in London. He came third, out of six, in the short competition and first in the long competition to put him first overall, competing against skaters from Western Ontario. This fall he will advance to the Junior category. He is coached by Jane Symons at the Haliburton Figure Skating Carnival.



Bantam Rockets drop game, but score with solid effort

by CHERYL BOLGER

A 10-1 loss does not spell victory but when measured in effort, the Bantam Rockets score big. The team played short-handed against the Sutton team last Saturday and by the end of the third period, they decided to play with only four players a shift just to ensure that the extra player on the bench was fully rested before returning to play. During the first period, Mike Jones was checked into the boards by one of the bigger Sutton players and as a result cracked his ribs and sustained

injuries to his shoulder blade. We hope he recovers soon as the team will miss him. Joe Carey, our goalie, took a lot of the pressure. The second period saw 22 shots on net while Sutton only had two from the Rockets. Robbie Sharp was credited the goal scored for Wilberforce in the second period which breathed a little life into the Rockets. Unfortunately, exhaustion got the best of them. The next home game will be on Saturday, January 31 at 8 p.m. against Beaverton.

Skiing is great way for couch potatoes to get fit

As if you needed another reason to ski in the winter time, a study just released in Ottawa provides ample reason to get out there. The study, entitled 1997 Physical Activity Benchmarks, found that 63 per cent of Canadians were physically active for less than an hour a day. That level of inactivity poses the same health risk as smoking a pack of cigarettes a day, said. Dr. Nick Busing, president of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, one of the survey's sponsors.

He said Canadians must recognize the real physical dangers of the "couch potato" mentality. Skiers know that the solution is right outside the door, and, happily, it turns out that the cure is about the most pleasant thing around. Another study released last week indicates that exercise also may make you smarter, and this might account for the fact that I have yet to hear of a skier drowning.

On the competition side, many of the top student athletes coming to the OFSAA Nordic Championships here in Haliburton in February will be dreaming of making the national junior team whose current members have just finished their competition at the Junior Worlds. Canada's top result was 31st from Toronto's Gord Jewett, a respectable finish in a tough field. Jewett was caught just after 1 km by the eventual third place skier and stuck with him through to 9k before losing touch.

The rest of the men finished fairly close together with George Grey 53rd, Brian McKeever 55th and Chris Jeffries 63rd. In general the Canadian men's results showed continuing improvement from previous years; however the

NORDIC NOTES

Blake Paton

other performances were still somewhat of the goal of top half that is expected from the event.

In general the women's results were disappointing, despite the best efforts of all concerned. Top Canadian was Amanda Fortier in 55th, a creditable finish considering she didn't start focussing on ski training until the early fall and struggled with some illness early in the season. Melissa Hayman of

Sault Ste Marie faded to 70th after skiing the first lap close to the middle of the pack. Tara Whitten also skied well through the beginning of the race but she and Karla Mika finished 80th and 82nd respectively at the end.

Perhaps the fact that our local Jackrabbit program (now with over 50 members!) for young skiers is growing bodes well for the future of competitive skiing in Canada. Although competition is an exciting spectacle, the essence of skiing is enjoying the glide and the outdoors in a peaceful, environmentally friendly way. Until next time, enjoy the glide.

Mighty Mites mop up Manvers

by MICHELLE LEROUX

The Haliburton Mites travelled to the Manvers on Saturday and came away the victors.

Mark Vasey started the scoring with an assist from Brandon Nimigon. Jordan Roberts then fed the puck to Craig Mulholland who skated to the other end, out maneuvered the goalie and put another one in.

In the second period, Paxton Léroux, with help from Mulholland, put Haliburton ahead

by three. Some fancy skating by Carson Roberts allowed him to pass the puck to Luke Watson who took it all the way to the other end and hit the inside of the net. Not a minute later, Watson was able to retrieve the puck thanks to the work of Julian Berry and Brandon Yake.

The third period ended with Manvers slipping one by the hard working Haliburton goalie. Great fun was had by all and Haliburton came home with another win. Final score: 5-1.

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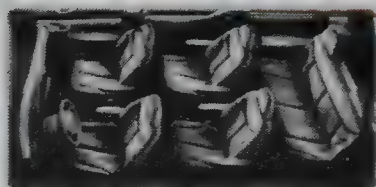
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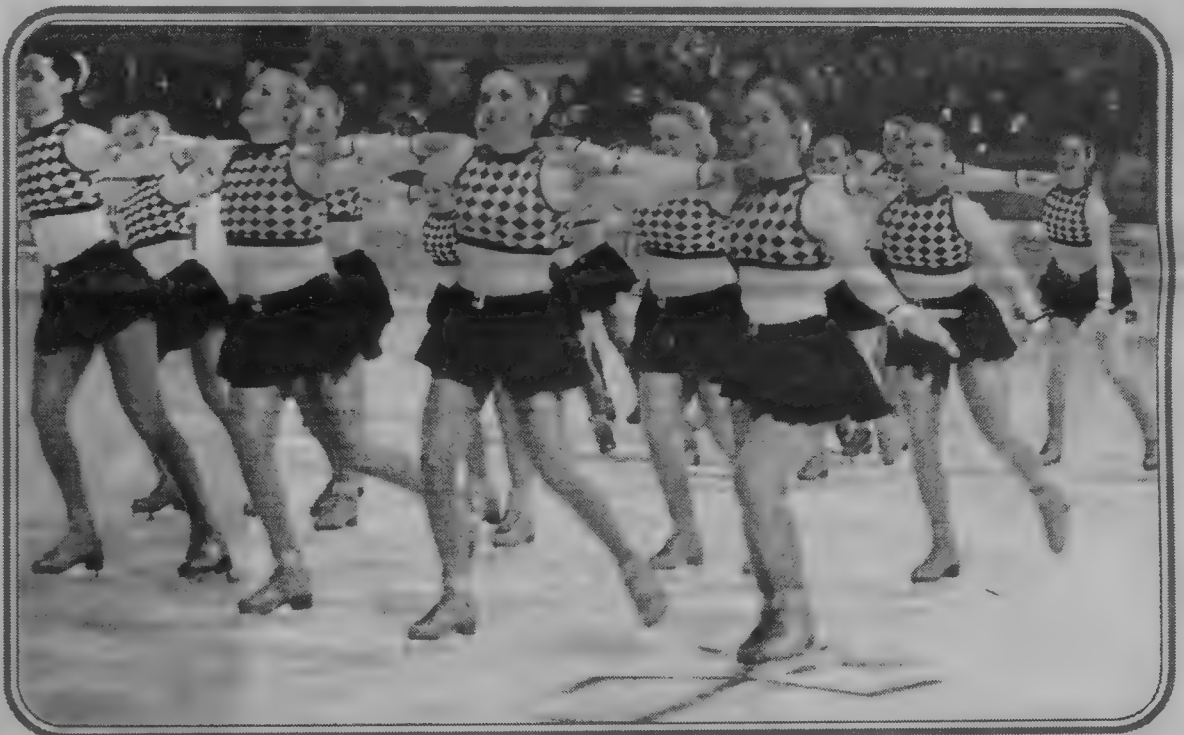
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Photos by LEN PIZZEY

PeeWee AEs win own tourney

by WADE MACINNES

On January 17, the Huskie Pee Wee "AE" team showed the other teams how the game is played in their home tourney.

First game of the day pitted the host Huskies against a Pee Wee select team from Waterloo. This match was no contest as the Huskies dominated from the opening drop, out skating and out passing the Blackhawks. The Huskies scored five of their nine goals on the cycle while the Waterloo team floundered around trying to defend against this potent attack. Matt Gerry had a hot stick for the Huskies, banging in five goals with Chris Bishop, Joel Johnson, Ryan Goldenberg and Joey Sisson adding singles. Assisting on these tallies were Ryan Goldenberg with four, Matt Manary with three, Joey Sisson and Shawn MacInnes with two and Joel Johnson, Adam Tomlinson and Norm Smith with one each. Big Al Frybort nailed the shutout with solid defence from Jason Chambers and Matt Reil.

Game two saw the Ennismore Eagles dump the Huntsville Blues 5-2. In game three, the Lindsay Muskies scored with seconds left on the clock to beat the Bancroft Jets 4-3. In the fourth game, the Barry's Bay Bears and the Toronto Olympics (M.T.H.L.) battled to a 3-3 tie in regulation. In overtime, they got down to three skaters a side when a

Toronto forward scored on a great solo effort.

Game five saw the Huntsville Blues squeak by the Waterloo Blackhawks 2-1.

In game six, the Huskies were back on the ice facing the Ennismore Eagles. Knowing that a win would give them a berth in the "A" final, the blue and white were all over the Eagles like flies on honey. Working the cycle to a tee, Huskie markers came from Shawn MacInnes with the hat trick, Matt Manary and Matt Gerry with a pair each, and Ryan Goldenberg, Joel Johnson and Joey Sisson with singles. On the assist board were Matt Manary, Ryan Goldenberg and Matt Gerry with three each, Joel Johnson, Norm Smith with two each and singles from Joey Sisson, Matt Reil, Adam Tomlinson and Shawn MacInnes. Big Al once again wouldn't let a pea get by him, notching another shut out.

In game seven, the Barry's Bay Bears beat the Bancroft Jets 2-1 in overtime. Game #8 saw the Lindsay Muskies out muscle the Toronto Olympics 8-4.

On to the championship games, the Bancroft Jets hung on to win the "D" Championship 3-2 over the Waterloo Blackhawks. In the "C" final, the Bears from Barry's Bay won the championship over the Huntsville Blues 4-2. The "B" final saw the Ennismore Eagles defeat Toronto Olympics 5-0.

Finally, the "A" championship

contest featured the Huskies and the Lindsay

Muskies "AE" team. The Muskies finally broke Big Al's bubble, scoring in the first two minutes of the game. The fans' cheers were answered when the Huskies tied it up with a minute left in the first. With a quick pep talk, the Huskies took control and bagged three in the second and two in the third to claim the championship.

Matt Gerry scored four goals and notched one assist to capture the game M.V.P. voted by Scotty. Joey Sisson and Ryan Goldenberg added singles with Ryan also picking up three helpers. Adam Tomlinson added a couple of assists with Shawn MacInnes and Matt Manary picking up one assist each.

The Huskies would like to thank Brian Sachs for helping out with Big Al and Alex would like to thank his defence (Chris Bishop, Adam Tomlinson, Jason Chambers, Norm Smith and Matt Reil) for being there, shift after shift. In the raffle draw, Greg Bishop won the goalie painting, Jason Chambers won the Vancouver jersey and Mick Frybort won the boom box. In the ladies "Shoot to Win" contest, two ladies from Ennismore placed first and third and our own Laurie Johnson took second prize.

The Haliburton Huskie Pee Wee "AE" team would like to thank their sponsors Halhinet, Rexall, Manary Lumber and Big Al's Grandfather Steve Wiggins for their contributions. Also thanks to the arena staff, snack bar girls, timekeepers, gatekeepers, refs and most of all the team parents for helping make the tournament a fun and successful day.

Frisky oldtimers don't get caught with pants down

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Ken Riley

That frisky U.S. President Bill Clinton is in trouble again, another case of alleged libido overload. The poor guy can hardly make a pass anymore without being hauled off to court. The U.S. public is angered, not so much because he had this affair, but that he told her not to tell anyone about it, like he was going to say "Well, that was nice! Now, after you phone Hilary, be sure to call CNN!". The First (but apparently not the last) Lady is standing by her man, saying "Just because his favourite movie is Free Willie, that proves nothing." Clinton could face criminal charges, even impeachment, proving that in the presidency, sometimes two heads are not better than one!

Now to a sport that won't put you in court - W.O.H.L. action. Game one featured the first placed Haliburton Hawks and the Apsley Boxers. The Hawks dominated from the drop of the puck, skating to an 8-0 victory, earning netminder Larry Hartin his second consecutive shutout. Tom Curry had another fine night with four, Steve Roberts had two, singles went to Glen Sharpley and Brian Mulholland.

Game number two was a showdown for second place with Bancroft Canadian Tire coming into the game with eight points, facing the Whitney Shimanos with seven points. Whitney got the jump in the first with two from Gary Ridout. In the second, Bancroft got on the board with tallies from Steve Farnsworth and Peter Whitehead but the Shimanos replied with two of their own from Marvin Sydock and Monty Douglas. Whitney had two more in the third from Peter Palbiski and Sydock again to make the final Whitney 6, Bancroft 2.

Our final tilt was between the Clarkson Plumbers and Wilberforce Golden Ponders. Fans turned out in record numbers to view this game between the friendly rivals. The Ponders took the lead in the first on goals from Dave Swan and Ken Riley. After a scoreless second, the Ponders' Bill Tallman scored the apparent back breaker but the Plumbers rallied, getting two late ones from Joe Roberts, forcing Wilberforce to hang on to gain a 3-2 victory.

This week's action has the Hawks meeting Canadian Tire at 7:00, the Plumbers face Apsley at 8:10 and it's Whitney and Wilberforce at 9:20. So, get down to the rink early to cheer on your favourites. Don't get caught with your pants down!

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Lightning strikes fast, but the Major Tykes battle back for tie

by RICK LOWES

The Husky Major Tykes hit the road last week in search of worthy opponents and they found them. First stop was Mariposa last Tuesday when the Lightning got on the board first.

The Huskies drew even early in the third when Chase Thurston fed a clearing pass to Jesse Stoughton who fired a wicked shot just wide but the puck came back out in the front of the net and Nelson Evans, who lives by the old adage that if you go to the net good things happen, picked up the loose puck and fired it home to tie the game at one.

The Huskies took the lead when Nathan Woodcock held the puck in at the blueline and found Nelson Evans who one-timed it to Chase Thurston in front of the net and he deposited in the twine. But Mariposa didn't quit and despite some excellent goaltending from Mac Trueman they tied the score at two and that's the way it ended.

Game two was played in Beaverton on Sunday and the Huskies played, in this reporter's opinion, their best game of the year. Nathan Woodcock stood tall between the pipes making some excellent saves and the boys in front of him played disciplined positional hockey.

Starting the scoring off for the Huskies was Jesse Stoughton who took a perfect pass from Nelson Evans. Early in the second, the Huskies struck again when Robert Lowes cleared the puck out of his end to Chase Thurston who scurried into the Beaverton zone and hit Mac Trueman with a pass and Trueman sent a thunderous shot through the goalie's five hole. Two minutes later Cole Scheffe who is playing at the top of his game stripped the puck from a Beaverton defenceman and sent Chase Thurston into the clear. The goalie made the save but the rebound came out to Mac Trueman who banged it in.

The Huskies added another when Daniel Sisson, who played a very strong game, dug the puck out of his corner and fired it around to Zack Pringer who fed it up to Jesse Stoughton and just when everyone thought he would shoot, he passed it to Chase Thurston at the corner of the crease and he made no mistake, making it Huskies 4-0.

The third period saw some

tenacious checking from the buzzsaw line of Scott Griffith, Lane Schmid and Cole Scheffe their strong efforts continue to pay off for this emerging team of Tyke titans.

Two weeks ago, the Huntsville Blues came to visit the Haliburton Major Tykes. The Huskies were in a surly mood this particular morning because their beloved manager Rod Thurston was omitted from the Hockey News Top 50 players of all time.

The Huskies hit the ice with Daniel (the Dominator) Sisson in net and he played spectacularly, making some unbelievable saves but Huntsville struck first on a breakaway goal that Sisson had no chance on.

The Huskies came back in the second when the Yoko line (we call them that 'cause every time they hit the ice, the other team says 'ONO, here they come again!') hit the ice. Jesse Stoughton took the puck on the fly from Nelson Evans, broke through the line and hit Chase Thurston with a pass at the corner of the crease and Thurston buried it to tie the score at one. Huntsville took the lead again three minutes later but Mac Trueman dug the puck out of the corner in his own end and fired it around to Robert Lowes who hit Jesse Stoughton with a pass and it was like deja vu all over again - Stoughton faked the goalie and found Chase Thurston who tied it at two. The play went up and down and Daniel Sisson came up big a number of times making save after save.

With less than two minutes left in the game, Jesse Stoughton fought off the checkers and found Chase Thurston breaking for the net. Thurston got the hat trick and the game winner plus a little bit of solace for his Dad. A great day for Chase and the Huskies.

Novices never look back

by ROY BURK

Saturday, January 24, the Curry Motors, Paul Wilson Surveyor-sponsored OMHA Husky Novices had their last home game before playoffs.

Both Bobcaygeon and Haliburton came out playing hard but our passing game paid off early when Kenton Winn fed Devon Hunter for our first goal. Two minutes later though, the Cougars tied it up and then scored again just into the second period. Our boys seemed a bit rattled because of Bobcaygeon's hard skating and brutal force with their sticks. But as always they persevered and Adam Sisson stole the puck from a Cougar player, passed it onto Devon's stick and he backhanded it into the top corner.

To this point, the Cougar's goalie had been extremely hot, stopping shot after shot that should've been sure goals. But a great passing game will eventually pay off. Adam picked up a loose puck and rushed to the other end where he dished off to Scott Lewis, who drove it deep into the net. We finally got the lead and never looked back.

A minute later, Ryan Bottum fed a pass to Devon who deked the goalie. A minute later, Jeff Burk laid up a high back hand pass that Adam read perfectly.

The Cougars didn't give up though and at the 6:14 mark, their

No. 11 scored his third of the game. That's when Haliburton's defence tightened up and didn't allow a shot on net after that. The Huskies came out 5-3 victors.

The next day found the Novice team driving through a snow storm to Beaverton. Haliburton's players skated up a storm in the first period. Dylan Metcalfe made a rush in, drew the goalie over and then passed to Devon who scored. Two minutes later, Adam passed to Tyler Watson whose shot was blocked. Scott was there for the rebound and the Huskies were up by two.

This line came through again within a minute as Scott fed Adam, who tripped up in the rush but Tyler picked up the puck and rushed in for a goal. Dylan's next hard shot found the back of the net.

Ian Sachs had made some terrific saves up 'till then but a hard shot from within the face-off circle managed to trickle in after Ian had made the initial stop. But that was the last one as the "Cat" kept up his great game.

Kenton got the Huskies' only goal in the second after Dylan managed to keep it in the Blades' end. There was only one goal in the third also. The boys were playing short handed when Adam found a loose puck and rushed end-to-end for the team's sixth goal.

The Huskies drove home in the snow with a 6-1 victory.



On Nov. 11th Remembrance Banquet JEAN WHITTON (Peters)[left] was presented with her Life Membership Pin by the President Donna Spencer of Branch 262, Elmvalle

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We would like to thank the many organizers, shoppers, wrappers, bookkeepers, donation collectors, and entertainers, as well as the Pathfinders and Brownies, who donated their time to help make this event possible. An excellent job was done by all.

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ROCKIN' RONNO: Children's performer Ronno entertained a full audience of parents and their young ones Sunday afternoon at Haliburton's Legion. The show was put on by the Haliburton Highlands Children's Concert Series. Children sang and danced along with Ronno throughout the high energy performance.

Snowmobile trail hits road block

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Minden council's Jan. 11 meeting.

Plans of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association to develop a trail linking the village of Minden to other trails in the north, near Hart Lodge, have a hit a road block.

A misunderstanding between Minden council and the HCSA over exactly where the linking trail would be located has put a halt to the plan — at least temporarily.

Council previously agreed to the snowmobile club turning an old ski trail into a snowmobile trail on a municipal road allowance from Scotch Line Rd. to Hart Lodge.

However, council didn't understand that the club intended for the trail to continue along the municipal right of way south of Scotch Line to the Minden arena.

Extending the trail to the arena would necessitate crossing the

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Beaverbrook Golf Course.

Because council doesn't have permission from the golf course for the HCSA to cross its property, it has told the snowmobile club not to develop its trail past the Scotch Line.

In a letter to council, the HCSA says that it would be left with no alternative but to move the trail out and away from the village of Minden, if it is unable to use the road allowance crossing the golf course.

Council opted to discuss the issue further in closed session following the meeting since it concerns property.

Traffic light coming

Traffic lights planned for the intersection of Highways 35 and 118 in Carnarvon likely won't be in place until some time next year.

But in the meantime, the Ministry of Transportation hopes to make the intersection safer to drivers by reducing the

speed limit on Hwy. 35 through Carnarvon to 60 km/ph.

Trail grant

Shell Canada has helped fuel the Minden and District Horticultural Society's efforts to create a scenic trail for walkers and nordic skiers in the village.

Brian Black, on behalf of Shell, presented members of the group with a donation of \$3,000.

The money will help pay for wood chips to be spread on the one-kilometre trail.

A previous grant of \$2,000 from the Minden Legion helped the horticulture society initiate the trail project.

Public works superintendent Clayton Cameron said many volunteers from various groups have helped work on the trail.

"It's been a big community effort. There have been a lot of people involved in it so far," he told councillors.

He noted it was Greg Carpenter from Minden Shell who initially advised the recreation committee about Shell's environmental fund program, which led to the \$3,000 grant.



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Wild Oat celebrates anniversary

by DONNA OTTLEY

It was standing room only on Saturday night, January 17 as The Wild Oat Arts Cafe on Pine Street in Haliburton celebrated its first anniversary with an Open Stage.

More than 50 people were on hand to congratulate Rhonda Maguire and Barry Hayward on transforming the old Banks General Store into not only a forum for the display of original works of art by over 90 local craftspeople but also a place to gather and listen to original music.

Stan Tait, a jeweller and singer/songwriter, was one of Saturday night's performers.

"I came over one weekend last November and found the Cafe," Tait said. "There's no cover tunes here. There's a celebration of originality and that's something I believe in."

Tait produces a Cable 10 TV program in Gravenhurst — Songwriters and Friends — and after hearing Haliburton's David Milligan perform at The Wild Oat Arts Cafe, Stan asked him to appear on his program.

Rhonda and Barry were overwhelmed by the turnout Saturday night. They've had busy Open Stage nights before but this one was special.

"It was -35°C on our opening weekend," Barry said. At least the weather this year was more temperate, with a beautifully light dusting of snow falling outside the Cafe's large windows. Inside, the audience kept warm with music, hot coffee and the pleasure of being together enjoying some great music.

The highlight of the evening came during a romping guitar piece performed by Mark Blackett who hails from Dundas, Ontario but is currently working at YMCA Camp Wanakita. As he pounded on his guitar, a large canvas bag of percussion instruments was passed around the Cafe. Soon, the audience was augmenting Mark's singing and strumming with ringing tambourines, bongo drums, a cow bell and foot-stomping on the worn, wooden floorboards.

Also performing that night was Carnarvon's Dave Fougere who presented several of his original compositions.

The Wild Oat Arts Cafe has grown quickly in the past year — from an empty space to one filled with art, warmth and creativity. The dedication of its owners, Rhonda and Barry, will

ensure that it will only get bigger and better.

Open Stage nights are held on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Cafe.

Creosote causes fires

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

After nearly three weeks of quiet to begin the year, Dysart's fire department was called to three fires in three days last week.

Two of the blazes started in chimneys, which should serve as a reminder to people who have fireplaces and woodstoves to make sure they check and clean their chimneys regularly.

Dysart's fire chief credits the homeowner in the first fire of the week with helping to save his house from being destroyed completely.

Tuesday evening's blaze at the North Kennis lake home of Mogens Hansen and his wife began in the chimney of their fireplace and spread into the wall.

"(Mr. Hansen) noticed it and was able to contain it himself until we got there," said fire chief Miles Maughan. "It would have burnt the cottage down, if he hadn't been there."

Volunteer firefighters arrived at about 7:15 p.m. and remained on the scene until about 11 p.m. to make sure the fire didn't continue to burn inside the walls of the single-storey residence.

Maughan estimated damage to the property at roughly \$5,000.

The following evening the fire department was called to a second chimney fire at the Collins residence at the intersection of Highway 118 and County Rd. 14.

Fortunately, firefighters were able to contain the fire inside the chimney so there was no damage to the house.

Early Thursday morning fire-

fighters were called back into action to put out a fire that broke out in the crawl space of Walley Quigg's residence.

The cause of the fire hasn't been determined. There was little damage to the home.

To help prevent fires, the fire department recommends people check their chimneys for creosote build-up every four to six weeks during times of heavy burning.

It's the creosote — a black, sap-like byproduct of burning — that catches fire and causes chimney fires.

People can remove the creosote themselves if they have the proper tools or they can hire a professional chimney cleaner.

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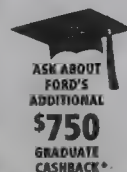
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Garth and Helen Windsor drove to Hamilton last Thursday to watch the Canadian National Skating Championships. They report having an excellent time but say it was very tiring as they watched it all from Thursday evening until Sunday afternoon.

Some friends and I drove to Lindsay last Saturday to see the movie "Titanic". It was very exciting and the time passed very quickly. It was three and one half hours long. Excellent entertainment.

I have a sister in Edmonton and she reports that it has been very cold there for the past two weeks or so. I'm afraid we are in for a prolonged cold snap as we usually get their weather here.

The Echo received a letter of greetings to all their friends in the Highlands from Fred and Dorothy Cowen, who now live in Sault Ste. Marie. He writes: "I would like to thank Jim Cooper

for his poems about smiles. Very good, Jim. And I got a good laugh at the picture of Peter Forgrave (principal of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden). He used to work at the high school in Wawa, which is how we got to know him and his family.

"I have been away from Carnarvon for awhile. I went to work for J.B. Morgan Lumber in the fall of 1936. I started five or six miles from Dorset, working in the mill and in the bush. I retired when I was 75; that was eight years ago.

"Do you know that I am the oldest of Jim and Gladys' 10 children - six boys and four girls, all on the go so far. I get down around Carnarvon when we can make it up to the old farm to look around. The barn and house are still the same but there are a lot of trees all over the farm. I will have to take time and write a story about the old place."

For those who want to write the Cowens, their address is 130 Kohler St., Apt. 508, Sault Ste. Marie, P6A 6T4.



CO-OP JOB FAIR: Grade 11 and 12 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School put on a co-op job fair last Wednesday to show other students about their co-op work placements. Cheryl Smith and Lindsey Archer, above, told classmates about their ECE placements at Archie Stouffer Elementary School at their booth.

Seniors enjoy talk on Home Support

by PHYLLIS BRISCOE

I hope everyone enjoyed their Haggis on Robbie Burns Day. I have never partaken of the traditional Scottish "delicacy" but it must have some outstanding qualities to have withstood the test of time.

Beginning the first of February, there will be a slight change in the Dorset Public Library hours. They will be as follows: Tuesday 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday 2-4:30 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We send get well wishes to all shut-ins or anyone who is under the weather. Special wishes to Rev. Susan Manning for a speedy recovery and a return to

good health.

The Dorset Senior Club enjoyed a guest speaker at their last meeting. Donna Pacey, Executive Director of The Haliburton County Home Support Services, spent some time at the meeting elaborating on the many services that the county provides for seniors. There was a question period during which Donna clarified various situations that were confusing to some. It was a very enlightening afternoon.

The annual Poker Rally, a fund raising event for Lions Club Dialysis Camp Dorset and the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club, will be on Saturday, February 14, Valentine's Day. Details next

week.

I was at the animal hospital and the veterinarian said he had a stray kitten that needed a good home. It had been in an accident but was now okay. Why didn't I take it home for a couple of days and return it if I decided not to keep it? I said no but finally relented. The rest is history. He is black with four white boots, white bib, white whiskers and eyebrows and a thin, white Charlie Chaplin mustache, a roguish, Irish face and has been named Clancy. He was very scared when first brought home and hid under the bed for a few days. Now he is boss of the ranch and a real doll.

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12:30pm* Eight Dog Race begins on Main Street

3pm* Kid & Mutt Race begins on Main Street

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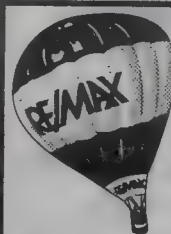
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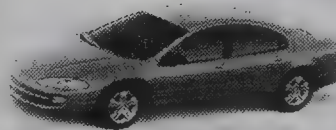
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Stott was Red Cross President in both areas and, during his tenure in Minden, he came up with the idea of initiating Red Cross Homemaker Service for Haliburton County. Now, at age 91, he is able to use the service to remain healthy and independent in his own home.

In a recent interview, Stott noted that "we got the thing rolling and now

look where it is today. I'm so proud; there is close onto 70 people employed. It's just wonderful."

Red Cross has been providing homemaking services to families and individuals, such as Mr. Stott, in their own homes for over 20 years. Homemaking includes assistance with personal care (bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming), light housekeeping, laundry, meal planning and preparation, shopping, banking.

As a result of recent developments in the health care field, homemakers are also being individually trained to perform specialized functions. These include assisting with

exercise programs, using mechanical lifts, preparing special diets, and many other functions.

For five years, Mr. Stott has been receiving Red Cross Homemaker Service and he described the quality of care he receives as "the best".

Red Cross Homemaker Service works in partnership with the Haliburton, Victoria and Northumberland Access Centre to provide homemaking support to individuals or fami-

lies in the community. Anyone believing that he or she needs personal care and homemaking support should contact the Access Centre to determine his or her eligibility for the Ministry of Health sponsored homemaking program. If eligible, the Access Centre will authorize Red Cross or another homemaker agency to provide the service.

For individuals who are not currently eligible or would like to purchase

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The Corporation of
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Lawrence and Nightingale

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:

Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 19, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, designated as Part 2 on Plan 19R-6366.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 24th day of February, 1998, at the hour of 6:40 o'clock p.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: January 08, 1998

Diane J. Griffin,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Corporation Of the Township Of
Sherborne, McClintock,
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And Nightingale

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 19, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, along the shore of Lower Fletcher Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.
Part 2 - Mitchell.



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The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 24th day of February, 1998, at the hour of 6:35 o'clock p.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

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Part 1-Shepherd and Demone; Part 2 - Debono and Steiner.



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 22, in Concession V, on Little Kennis Lake, specifically in front of Lot 21, Plan 513 in the geographic Township of Havelock in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, February 9th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 22, in Concession V, on Little Kennis Lake, specifically, in front of Lot 21, Plan 513, in the geographic Township of Havelock in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 3 and Part 4 on Plan 19R-6337, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated June 11th, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 16th day of December, 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator



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Township of Sherborne, County of Haliburton, being part of the original road allowance between Lots 10 and 11, Concession 10, Township of Sherborne, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 19R-6368,

and to sell that part of the original road allowance designated as Parts 1 and 3 on Plan 19R-6368. The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 24th day of February, 1998, at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: January 08, 1998

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Corporation Of the Township Of
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And Nightingale

This original road allowance is located between Lot 10 and 11, Concession 10, Township of Sherborne, in the vicinity of Deer Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.
Parts 1 and 3 - Lion's Camp Dorset Corporation.



SMOKE-FREE CAMPAIGN: The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit was handing out brown ribbons last week to help promote smoke-free public places during National Non-Smoking Week. Here, the health unit's Marg Graham gives one of the ribbons to Doreen Robertson, during a meeting of the Haliburton Seniors' Club. Gerald Hicks, looking on, also has one of the ribbons.

The Nicholls' 40th anniversary a joyous occasion for family

The joyous occasion of Marge and George Nicholl's 40th anniversary was celebrated at the Centre on Saturday, January 17. Many, many relatives and friends gathered to congratulate the couple. Many were the pictures taken and sections of the wall were covered recording the married life of Marge and George and family.

Their children, Alberta Upton, Cheryl Cooper, David and Erin Nicholls with spouses and families were present. Bernie was able to be there in spirit only. The hall was appropriately decorated, a beautiful (in taste as well as looks!) cake was cut as the anniversary couple posed and refreshments served most generously to all.

People enjoyed the opportunity of visiting at a happy occasion with one another as well as with

the Nicholls-Stamp connection. The community is proud to congratulate them and wishes them well in their future married years.

Welcome to new neighbours at the golf course. Tom Clifford has sold Lakeside Golf Course to Mr. and Mrs. Cox. The family – complete with children Cassandra and Kristoffer – will soon be moving in permanently and we wish them well in their new home.

Our sympathy to our next door neighbours Mark Freeman and family in the loss on January 18 of his step-father Ken Fieldhouse, dear husband of Iris and family. He was well loved and will be sorely missed by the family which he embraced and supported so strongly along with Iris. Our sympathy is extended to them all.

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Staff pitches in for weekly tea

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

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The beautiful sunshine has affected us as we review the past week, chatting about past activities and laughing over remembered happenings. Yes, sunshine is good.

On Thursday, the Maple Lake ACW were unable to host our tea party, so the activity staff got busy and thanks to them, our tea party went ahead with homemade bread, biscuits, tarts, etc. – very much enjoyed. Afterwards, we joined in a quiz game with Linda. Thanks to our activity staff for pitching in and we hope to see Maple Lake ACW back soon. We know the weather wasn't very good that day.

We also welcomed our newest resident, Mr. Marion Zawada.

Also, we have learned that Tom McAllister is very ill. Tom, along with his wife Dorie, are very faithful volunteers. Our thoughts are with you both and we hope health will return. We

miss you.

Friday we enjoyed a movie, "Little Women", and in the afternoon we were entertained by Bert Bonnell on the piano during our happy hour.

The weekend was fairly quiet. Gord Kennedy was here with his piano music and Rev. Burgess on his pastoral visit.

Alice Prentice has joined us on vacation care and we said goodbye to Alice Watt who has moved to Lindsay. Lynn Shirley made a surprise visit, just dropped in for a quick hello. It was good to see her and we were pleased to hear she is doing well.

On Monday we had a good crowd for hymn sing with "Gospel Singers". Their music was much enjoyed.

Tuesday, Pastor Wick presided over chapel and following that a few of us got together with activity staff and volunteers to cook our lunch that day. Our menu – chicken a la king on rice with homemade bread and a cheesecake. How about that for lunch? Many thanks to all those who helped out.

In the afternoon, the craft group met. They are still busy preparing for our Valentine's dinner.

On the 21st, quite a few of us participated in the keep fit program. This program runs twice a week and it can certainly loosen up our joints. In the afternoon we joined in a discussion about diseases, old and new; treatments, remedies (also old and new). We really had fun with these topics. Afterwards we snuck some more homemade bread. In the evening we relaxed and watched a couple of short movies on nature.

On the 22nd, people from Club 35 hosted our tea party. And there you are, another week gone.

More about our fundraising event on May 30. We now have a name – "Country Music Jamboree". We need local musicians to participate. If you are interested, please contact Rob Young at Hyland Crest.

Ontario

Request for Public Opinion on the Proposed Nursing Home Annual Licence Renewal of

Extendicare/Haliburton, Haliburton

In accordance with the Nursing Homes Act, public opinion is being requested prior to a final decision being made on the above.

If you have comments or opinions and wish to bring them to the attention of the Ministry of Health, you may submit them in writing by addressing them to:

Director, Long-Term Care Division
Ontario Ministry of Health
56 Wellesley Street West, 15th Floor
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The Director will consider all submissions before making a final decision.

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Community Events

January 30

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE - Haliburton United Church, 7:15pm.

Theme: "The Unity of the Body of Christ"

February 4

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School **SEMESTER 2** begins

February 5

L.I.F.T. Ladies in Fellowship Together 7:30pm West Guilford Baptist Church. Help celebrate a happy birthday. Guest speaker & music, Clara Carter; special feature: Shelly Van Nood, Cake Decorating. Information contact Alice 754-2808

February 14

SKI FOR HEART Raise money for Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario, free lift ticket, hot lunch, win great prizes. Sir Sam's Ski Area, PLUS Valentine's Day dinner & dance \$9.95 Heather Valentine 754-2298 or 286-3621

January 28

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February 6 & 7

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February 6/7/8

WINTERFEST 98 Head Lake Haliburton, Dances, snowmobile activities, pancake breakfast and more. Check the supplement in next week's ECHO for details

March 7

HALIBURTON COUNTY CHILDREN'S CONCERT SERIES, Platypus Theatre presents "How the Gimquat Found her Song" 2:00pm Archie Stouffer School, Minden, 457-3414

FEBRUARY 7 7:00am Haliburton Lions Club PANCAKE BREAKFAST Haliburton Legion "Come early and come Hungry!"

Students learning to curl

Students of the week at the school were Megan McCrae, Kindergarten; Megan Meharrie, Grade 1; Adam Daniel, Grade 2; Matthew Tripp, Grades 3/4; and Brandon Bowman, Grades 5/6.

The Grade 5/6 class, as a part of their Physical Education program, have had curling lessons. The children and their teachers want to thank Mark and Michelle Smith for all their efforts in providing these enjoyable lessons.

Isn't it great when all students get an opportunity to experience an activity that could well only be available to those who can afford it or special access?

The Breakfast Club at the school will be serving breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting next week.

Volunteers are needed to make muffins at home (out of provided mix) and to help serve breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. as the children arrive at school. You may

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News

Hilda Clark
448-2018

call the school at 448-2421.

"Light the Fire" concert by the Kawartha Lakes Bible College was presented to a large audience at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Sunday evening. Under the direction of Tim Hughes, second year student, the 40-voice choir presented a number of uplifting

pieces. The program included vocal solos, a violin duet, a vocal duet, a saxophone piece, and piano solo. With Dan Pothaar, another local boy on the keyboard and Diane Service, choir pianist, both second year students, and Tim leading, the choir made a fine presentation. Thanks to the Harcourt Community Chapel for the evening of worship.

Beginning on Thursday, February 5, Clara Burt will be leading a "Weigh Down" program at 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret's. This first evening will be an orientation night - introducing the program and establishing a meeting night and time. Anyone wishing to shed a few pounds in a scripturally based program is heartily welcome.

Hospital auxiliary events a fun way to raise money for teleradiology

Fund raising for a \$81,000 teleradiology unit is the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's newest objective.

This machine would make it possible for radiology tests such as x-rays to be read over the telephone lines. Our doctors would have the immediate results and the patient would benefit.

To raise this much money, the Auxiliary has planned several activities it hopes you will support. Thanks to Stedmans, the Haliburton Legion and Birch Point Lodge for the use of their premises. This support has enabled the Auxiliary to plan the following events:

• A bake sale on Feb. 12 at

10 a.m. in Stedmans for baked goods plus some recipes. A sampling of goodies will be available.

• Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by joining the Auxiliary for lunch at the Haliburton Legion. It hopes to serve a large crowd so please come on March 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A real deal at \$5 per adult.

• Dessert and cards will be the fund raiser on May 14 at Birch Point Lodge with dessert served at 1 p.m. followed by cards. This is a change from our evening card party. There will be lots of door prizes, tickets will be available from auxiliary members.

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235 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

280 COMING EVENTS

The Haliburton County Association for Community Living presents

their 4th Annual Fund Raising Event - "Dare to Ski" and new this year a Silent Auction. These events take place on Saturday, January 31 at Sir Sam's Ski Area. Registration and pledge collection are from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Pledge sheets can be picked up at our office (beside the Legion) or at the ski hill. If you collect \$50 or more in pledges, you can: ski free for the day, have a BBQ lunch and win prizes. You don't even have to ski to win. Come on out and support your local Association and have fun, both inside and outside the chalet. For more information please call Cheryl at 457-2626. We hope to see you out there! CA

"How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk"

A six week course for parents and child care providers of children ages 3 to 12 (free childcare available). Haliburton C.H.A.C.E. Place Wednesday, February 18 - March 25 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$40/person, \$45/couple To register, call 457-2989 before February 7 CA

"Siblings Without Rivalry"

A six-week course focusing on the challenges of parenting more than one child. Haliburton C.H.A.C.E. Place Thursday, February 19 to March 26 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$30/person, \$35/couple To register, call 457-2989 before February 7. CA

280 COMING EVENTS

BINGO

\$1,000 jackpot
Sunday, February 8,
1:30 p.m.
Minden Community Centre
Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
All proceeds to go to CHACE Daycare. CA

The Minden and District Horticultural Society invites you to attend the **Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon**

on the afternoon of Saturday, February 7 at 1 p.m. in the Hyland Crest Auditorium (please bring your own cutlery and plates)
Guest Speaker: David Bishop of The Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve will present slides 1998 Memberships available (\$3) and reservations for March 12 "Canada Blooms" Toronto bus trip may be made. CA

DECORATIVE PAINTING SEMINAR

Bird on a Board: 1 day
Saturday, February 7, 1998
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Call Joan Irish 457-2346.

Haliburton and Area Acquired Brain Injury Drop-In is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Police Association Building. For more information call Cheryl Greig at (705) 741-1172 or Nancy Pettit at 457-1600. CA

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The following names are those of the past few months' weekly winners of the **Winning Wednesday Draw**, a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts, each winning \$175: Mac Gadway, Oct. 15/97; Chris Lynd, Oct. 22/97; Marie Hodgson, Oct. 29/97; Wendy Ladurantaye, Nov. 5/97; Tom Hodgson, Nov. 12/97; Max Strang, Nov. 19/97; Audrey and Brian Holden, Nov. 26/97; Al Bagg, Dec. 3/97; J. Bumister, Dec. 10/97; Ann Varty, Dec. 17/97; Ines Hindman, Dec. 24/97; Brian Black, Dec. 31/97; Steve Phillips, Jan. 7/98; Andy Salvatore, Don Popple and Mike Iles, Jan. 14/98; Marilyn Goselin, Jan. 21/98. CA

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330 THANK YOU

The family of the late Donna Mumford wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to everyone for their support and kindness shown to us in the form of cards, flowers, visitations, telephone calls, food and donations in memory of Donna. A special thank you to the Stanhope Fire Department First Response Team; the Haliburton Ambulance Attendants; Dr. Conway and all medical staff from the Haliburton Hospital who assisted; and also Dr. Wilkins and staff of the Peterborough Civic Hospital. Your professional and untiring efforts were greatly appreciated. A very sincere thank you to Gord Monk and staff of the Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their guidance, support and care during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered. **Carol and Kevin, Rick and Tammy and Gerald.**

It's great to be back home again. Thanks to our doctors, ambulance attendants, nurses and hospital staffs in Haliburton and Peterborough Civic Hospitals. All there when I needed them. Encouragement from friends, neighbours and family with their prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, fruit, sweets and get well wishes was really appreciated and eased my recovery. **Wanda Anthes.**

We would like to thank our children, family and friends for making our 40th Anniversary so special. A heartfelt thanks to Edna Burden and Brenda Bain for all your extra help. This day will long be remembered. God bless you all. **George and Marjorie Nicholls.**

Leslie B. Smith passed away Sunday, December 28. His request for a quiet, simple passing has been respected. I would now like to say thank you to all of the people that gave of themselves the best care possible under the circumstances. The VON was quite remarkable. I don't believe there is anything they can't do with the expertise they have. The doctors, a great group (very understanding) and we are fortunate to have

CONTINUED this knowledge here. Home care for the short time I had them were completely in control and set my mind free to do the things I needed to do without worry about Les. Village Court Pharmacy gave help and guidance on all the prescriptions. They are more than just a drugstore. Monk Funeral Home, for their complete understanding and efficiency. The neighbours and friends for just being there and offering help and sympathy. To all these I would like to say thank you and all have my eternal gratitude. Donations can still be made to VON Home Health Care or your choice. Thank you again on behalf of the entire Smith family. **Ruth S. Smith, Lake Wenona.**

The family of the late Brian Henderson would like to thank family and friends for their support during Brian's illness, for cards, phone calls, flowers, food and memorial donations. Special thanks to Dr. Hartwick for his care and house calls. To all of Haliburton's wonderful health care services. Thanks to Dwayne and Molly of Haliburton Funeral Home for their support. To pastor Paul and Linda Benson and the ladies of West Guilford Community Centre for the luncheon. **Elsie Henderson and family.**

My family and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for visits, cards, telephone calls, prayers and food brought to our home. It helps a great deal to know that Cliff had so many caring friends. Thank you to Dr. Norm Bottom for his care and concern for Cliff and for the support he gave to our family. Gratitude is also expressed to the VON team, Haliburton Hospital, ambulance team and to Nancy Pettit, Home Access Centre. Thank you to Rev. Christopher Greaves, St. George's Anglican Church for a beautiful, thoughtful service and especially for including the grandchildren in the service. Thank you to Bill Gliddon, organist and to the ladies for providing the luncheon. Thank you to Dwayne Lloyd and Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their guidance. The love and support shown by everyone has been truly overwhelming. **Jean, Lisa, Greg and Sandra Heckel, Lynne and Kurt Streick and their families.**

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AT REST

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390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST

Suddenly at Oakville
Trafalgar Memorial Hospital
on Sunday, January 18, 1998
in her 87th year
**BEATRICE MANNERING
RICHARDSON**

Beloved wife of the late John E. (Jack) Richardson, dear mother of Brian and his wife Carol of Pickering, Dr. Dennis Richardson and his wife Dawne of Bobcaygeon. Loving grandmother of Jeff and his wife Debbie, Debra, Kelly and Timothy. Dear sister of the late Florence, Albert and Garnet Martin. Friends visited the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral

390 DEATH NOTICES

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Home on Wednesday and Thursday. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Thursday, January 22. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial donations to the Salvation Army or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

AT REST

Passed away at the
Haliburton Hospital on
Thursday, January 22, 1998 in
his 83rd year
ALBERT W. STATA
Beloved husband of the late Mary K. Stata. Dear father of Ronald

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and his wife Yvonne of Haliburton, Brenda and her husband Ken Laver of Kinmount, Dennis and his wife Carol of Courtice. Loving grandfather of Penny, Cindy, Steven, Ronda, Denise, Robbie, Jamie, Jim, Karen, Diana, Mark, Sarah, Becky and great grandfather of sixteen great grandchildren. Dear brother of Eva Harrison of Fort Erie and predeceased by his brothers William and Roy and sisters Hazel and May. Friends visited the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday. Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Monday, January 26. Spring interment at the Kinmount Cemetery. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

AT REST

Passed away at his
daughter's residence in West
Guilford on January 25, 1998
in his 86th year
**DONALD MICHAEL "DAN"
MacKENZIE**

Beloved husband of the late Jeaneva Christena MacKenzie. Dear father of Cecilia and her husband Murray of West Guilford, Mary Theresa (Terri) and her husband David Wagner of Toronto, Charles and his wife Cheryl MacKenzie of Toronto, Rosemary and her husband Winston Rhule of Mississauga, Michael MacKenzie of Whitby, Helen and her husband Gordon Green of Etobicoke. Predeceased by Neil Joseph MacKenzie. Loving grandfather of 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Brother of the late Mary McNeil. Friends may visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday. Then to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Haliburton for Mass of Christian burial on Wednesday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. Spring interment at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Haliburton. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the V.O.N. would be appreciated by the family. Vigil prayers at the Funeral Home on Tuesday at 3 p.m. CA

**MARGARET JANE (GILLIS)
PICKENS**
May 12, 1920 - January 14, 1998

It is with sadness that the family announces the passing of Margaret Pickens at Thunder Bay Regional Hospital - McKellar site following a brief hospital stay. Margaret was a loving and devoted mother and wife. She leaves to mourn her husband of 49 years Dallyn, her son James Essex, daughter Christena Harkness (Tom) and grandson Jamie, sister June Long (Bob) and various other family members. Predeceased by her parents Gladys and James Randolph Gillis and beloved son Dallyn Jr. in September of 1994. A family service was held at Blakes Funeral Home in Thunder Bay. Cremation to follow. A memorial service will be held in Gooderham at time of interment in the summer of 1998.

390 DEATH NOTICES

**MARION ETHELWYN
ROBERTA GOULD**

At the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Grimsby on Sunday, January 18, 1998, passed away peacefully with grace and dignity according to how she lived her life. She was surrounded by her loving family and friends. Always a supportive and affectionate mother, grandmother, sister and friend, of daughters Diane Van Reizen and her husband Robert of Grimsby, Barbara Gould of Moncton, New Brunswick, grandchildren Royan, Rejeanne and Rhonneke Van Riezen and Jason Ries, sister of Dr. William Corrigan, Dr. Robert Corrigan, Anna Pouliot and Lillian Cadieux, many nieces and nephews and friend Joan Cowling. We are celebrating her life with the wonderful memories she has left with us. At the request of Marion, there will be no visitation, with cremation taking place. A service of remembrance will be held at a later date at her church in Stouffville, Ontario. Memorial donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Stonehouse-Whitcomb Funeral Home, Grimsby.

400 IN MEMORIAM

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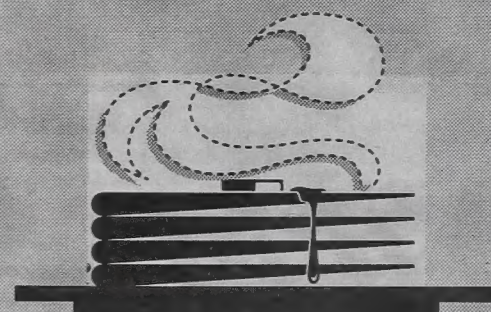
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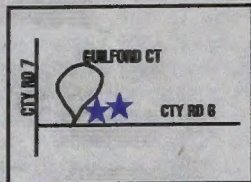
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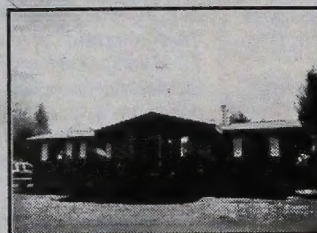
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